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Who's Who and What's What

Baptists have been working 100 years in Denmark. There are now 6,361 Baptists in that country, in 24 churches.

The church at Crystal Springs voted to have the Church Loyalty Emphasis, concluding with a church member revival about March first. They will hold another annual revival in the fall, having a visiting preacher.

The Brotherhood Quarterly for January, February and March edited by Mr. Lawson H. Cooke of Memphis, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood, is full of helpful things for our laymen, and will do the preachers good also. You will find an excellent picture of the West Laurel Brotherhood showing a fine group of one hundred men.

William Green Watson, Ellisville, Miss., has been elected to serve the Overt Baptist Church as assistant pastor, of which C. S. Moulder is pastor. The assistant will preach the second Sunday night in each month. Billy is a member of the Freshman class of Jones County Junior College, and is serving as president of the Baptist Student Union there.

On Wednesday night, January 10, President Pat M. Neff led the majority of his 2400 resident under-studies to the Waco, Texas, First Baptist church. The occasion was a special service honoring this largest church school in the world. Chester Swor, youth leader on leave of absence from a professorship at Mississippi College, was the speaker. Dr. J. M. Dawson is pastor.

Hon. Ben F. Cameron of Meridian as State Chairman of Finnish Relief, gives us the information that Mississippians are requested to participate in the nation-wide campaign to send relief to the Finns. All the pastors are requested to make announcement next Sunday and give their people an opportunity to contribute. Many people will be glad to help if told about the need.

Pastor D. L. Hill resigns at Holly Springs to accept a call to the pastorate in Summerset, Ky. We are sorry to lose him from Mississippi where he has done excellent work at Holly Springs, and previously at Okolona. We congratulate the church at Summerset, which had the services of another Mississippian, brother W. E. Hunter for about 20 years. Dr. Hunter recently resigned on account of impaired health.

We do not know the objectives of The American Student Union which recently held a national convention in Madison, Wisconsin, but this description by a Texas paper of what was done at the convention does not commend the Union: "The union's long list of resolutions included denunciation of the department of justice for its activities against the communist party; branded the Dies committee as a 'national menace'; refused to condemn Russia as the aggressor against Finland. This latter resolution proposed to condemn Russia, but it was snowed under by a vote of 322 to 29. The union condemned the U. S. loan to Finland, the moral embargo against Russia, and the sale of airplanes to Finland. It also urged a boycott of the movies, 'Birth of a Nation' and 'Gone With the Wind,' and condemned the use of federal or state police against minority groups, particularly the communist party."

THANKS EVERYBODY: Circulation this week

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LIPSEY AND GOODRICH

TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Beginning this week you will receive The Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. This is a forward step. Let's read it both for information and inspiration. I know from experience that The Baptist Record does help. It tells us about our Baptist work all over the world. The inspirational articles will inspire many of us to do more than ever. As we read other papers for information about world affairs, let us read our own paper for religious information for "Informed Baptists are better than uninformed Baptists."

Your pastor,

D. L. STENNIS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF UNION BAPTIST CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY

Above is an article addressed to the members of New Hope Baptist Church. Please read it. It applies to you.

Your pastor,

D. L. STENNIS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF MT. HOREB BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUDERDALE COUNTY

The article above addressed to New Hope Baptist Church is also intended for you.

Your pastor,

D. L. STENNIS.

An elderly lady recently renewed her subscription for four months. When urged to renew for six, eight or twelve months—her reply was "I'm over 80 years old and probably won't live longer than four months."

Today, the day on which this is written, a new governor assumes the reins in Mississippi. This is not only an interesting occasion, but one always fraught with possibilities of good or ill. We have not the honor of a personal acquaintance with the new governor, nor have we had opportunity to know his personal convictions and habits. Two things hearten us in our hopes of an administration that will preserve the high ideals for which the best people in Mississippi stand. One of these is that he has been long enough before the public, as judge, congressman and twice candidate for governor, to allow opportunity for the showing up of any weaknesses. The other is that in places where he is best known, some of the best citizens are his friends and supporters. That is true in Hattiesburg, his home city; and it is true in Jackson where some of his best friends live. These people are themselves of the right sort, and they believe that the laws which guard the morals and safety of our people are safe in his hands. We have had repeated expressions of their faith in the new governor. Indications are at present that he will have the support of a cooperating legislature. Let us remember that his responsibilities are great and his burdens heavy, and that it is the duty of every Christian to pray for him that righteousness may be exalted and that peace and prosperity may be our portion. This is a part of your duty and mine. If we fail in this we cannot be critical if there is failure elsewhere.

CATHOLICISM AND COMMUNISM

These two, Catholicism and Communism, are today supposed to be opposite in ideals, and antagonistic in principle. In one respect this is true, but in a very limited sense. There are some ways in which they occupy common ground. They are both candidates for world control. They are both systems in which control is vested in a small group, and finally in the hands of one man. They are both the antithesis of democracy, and the foes of individual liberty. They are antagonistic only because each wants to dominate the world, control men's thinking, and define men's conduct. Both cannot do this; hence the conflict.

Neither is in favor of freedom of speech or freedom of the press. Religious liberty and democracy are equally hated by both. The Spanish Inquisition, the massacre of St. Bartholomew, the suppression of Baptist and Methodist work in Rome and confiscation of their property are a few of many proofs of this. There is not a Catholic country in the world where Protestants have not been persecuted and hindered in their work. These things are said with no desire to fan the flames of hatred, but to keep the truth in mind. To forget these things is to consign ourselves to stumbling in darkness and to put ourselves into the hands of the past masters in the art of deception.

Catholicism is responsible for the existence of communism and its half sister, socialism. The tyranny and moral corruption of Catholicism in Russia brought communism into being. In Russia Catholicism was not of the Roman variety but was known as the Orthodox type. But there was the same basis of Catholicism, the control by ecclesiastics of the religious, civil and political life of the people; the suppression of all individual opinion and the banning of religious liberty. Religion in Russia sank so low, became so corrupt that people preferred atheism and turned to communism for deliverance. In Mexico a similar situation existed, until the people rebelled against it, and the government now forbids any religious instruction. Religious intolerance bred intolerance of religion. The corruption of religion, its perversion into a machine for the suppression of freedom makes men communists and socialists.

This is not to say that there are no good people in the Catholic church. There are many of them. But the Catholic system is a breeder of oppression which results in revolt and renunciation of all religion. The essence of tyranny is at the heart of the hierarchical system. There can be no true freedom that is not rooted in religious liberty. And the Catholic church is the enemy of liberty.

J. B. Cranfill says that the chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission told him recently that seventy-five percent of the traffic deaths on the highway were due to drunken driving. It is bad enough in Mississippi where only beer is legally sold, but in Arkansas whiskey is sold by the state.

Ninety-two ABC Stores in Virginia reported sales aggregating \$1,052,882 during the six days prior to the Christmas holidays, more than \$175,000 each day. Richmond, with nine stores, reported sales amounting to \$222,665.50. The total contribution to the Richmond Community Fund for 1940 was \$582,127.00.—Religious Herald.

Sparks and Splinters

Florida Baptists meet on the 16th at Lakeland. The Brotherhood and the W.M.U. Convention meet the day before.

There are said to be four counties in Middle Tennessee having no Baptist work in their county seats, several counties with no resident Baptist pastor and great areas untouched by any Baptist ministry.

The Word and Way comes out with a new dress. That does not mean a change of editors, nor a change in policy. These are good enough to keep, but there is something attractive about a new suit of clothes.

The Arkansas Baptist has not only a new dress but a new editor. Dr. L. A. Myers makes his bow as editor and gives us a good sample of what we may expect from week to week in the months ahead. Grace be with you.

In Dr. B. Locke Davis' first year's pastorate of First Church, Springfield, Mo., 212 were added to the church. \$39,087.44 given to all purposes. A new building will be begun in the springtime.

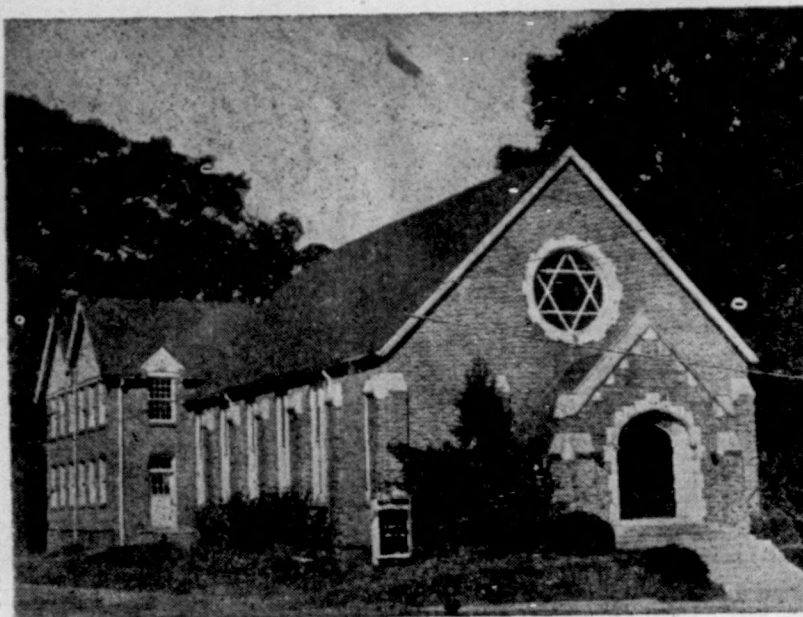
A careful historical survey will disclose that the twentieth century has been the bloodiest century since Christ. Its wars killed and wounded more people per million of populations than any of the preceding centuries. It has had more bloody revolutions with a greater number of victims than any of the preceding centuries, save possibly one.—Home Missions.

Maben: We are looking forward in a definite way to continued progress in the Lord's work here. Our budget shows a marked increase over that of last year, and a fine spirit of optimism and cooperation is prevalent in all phases of the work. Brother Earl Edwards of Houston, Miss., is now open for engagements in evangelistic singing. Anyone desiring a most capable leader in this phase of the work would do well indeed to secure his services.—Van H. Hardin.

Secretary Edgar Godbold makes the facetious suggestion that churches looking for a pastor set aside a day when the whole church shall gather, have all the "candidates" before them, each to preach a sermon and answer a questionnaire, and then the vote be taken, after examination of all credentials and testimonials. In this way the church can find out which preacher will serve for the least money, which one can make the most noise, which one is the best looking, &c.

The 100,000 Club has helped to reduce the debts of our southwide institutions greatly in the past few years. But all that comes through this channel can be used to reduce the principal of the debt. None of it is used to pay interest. The Baptist Bible Institute is asking friends throughout the South to contribute directly to help pay the interest on its bonded debt. Many have done so. The interest is due Feb. 1. Send to Dr. W. W. Hamilton, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La., or to Secretary D. A. McCall.

The only people who can and will support our Southwide Baptist institutions and boards are the Baptists in the several states. There are no southwide Baptists apart from those in the states. Our Baptists in Mississippi belong to the southwide organization and are responsible for these institutions. If they are maintained we are the folks to maintain them. They are as much our institutions as are those located in Mississippi. Our Convention Board in Mississippi is not a state Board, it represents all our institutions, southwide as well as those in the state. The expenses of our board, its salaried officers and many of the departments are paid partly out of southwide funds. Our people are as much under obligation to support southwide objects as state objects. The 100,000 Club is intended to pay the debts of southwide boards. Our people should give through the 100,000 Club as well as the 5,000 Club. The latter is our hope of paying the debts of our state institutions, all of which, except the Orphanage are in debt.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI

Dedicated January 7, 1940

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The "nigger" has been the last resort in many states when a politician is in bad need of votes. So also the charge of "bigotry" is the last resort of those who seek to prevent others from voicing their convictions as to the fundamentals of truth and righteousness. A man is very "narrow" today who insists on believing anything in particular, and he is a bigot if he dares express his convictions about things which were once basic principles of Americanism. So the man today who holds to and insists on the American principle of separation of church and state is a "bigot." If the President of the United States without authority of law sends an ambassador to the Pope, any man who voices opposition to it is in line of fire for all the self appointed censors of bigotry. Is all our profession of adherence to the fundamental principle of separation of church and state now to be discovered as superficial veneering? Is all our contention for the American constitutional provision of separation of church and state to go for naught, and abandoned as a mistake? Not yet.

Last year three people were killed by mobs in the United States. Last week the lower house of Congress passed a bill by about two to one vote to penalize the counties and officers where such lynchings occur. It goes to the Senate where it is thought it will be killed by filibuster. We shall be glad to see lynching stopped and those who are responsible punished. But it does look like the great law-making body of the United States is straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel. Three people were killed by mobs in the United States in one year, and this august body with the country in danger of financial ruin and of being dragged into war, with a multitude of problems on its hands, gets "all het up" over three people being killed in twelve months' time. Again let it be plainly said that we believe lynching should be punished adequately, but what are three people killed in twelve months in comparison with the hundreds that are killed every year as a result of selling and drinking liquor? And be it remembered that Congress is the one that legalized the sale of liquor. Saul hath slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands! And no protest is made in Congress. Congress legalized the sale of beer, stupidly declaring it non-intoxicating when every sane man knows it is intoxicating. And then Congress took the initiative in repealing the prohibition amendment. And today authorizes or allows the sale of liquor in states where its sale is against the law. Killing hundreds and making laws against killing three people! We refuse to believe that this hullabaloo about lynching has any sincerity in it. It is a political effort to get votes. We are living in a crazy world, where the proper sense of values has been lost.



Dr. J. Judson Chastain, Pastor First Baptist Church, Lexington, Miss. Dr. Chastain led his church to a debtless day and on Jan. 7 saw the beautiful building dedicated. See account of dedication elsewhere.

Newton church is conducting this week a revival meeting sponsored by the Sunday school. Pastor R. A. Morris is preaching, and J. T. Smith leads the singing.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. L. Bracey Campbell suffered from an automobile injury during the holidays. This has prevented Dr. Campbell from sending in the Sunday School Lesson exposition for the Record. She was somewhat better a few days ago and we hope to have the lesson resumed next week. This week Dr. Campbell has training courses in progress in his church in New Orleans, and for the next two weeks an evangelistic meeting in which Rev. Joe Canzoneri leads the singing.

Southern Baptists gave to southwide objects in December 1939 the sum of \$103,574.39. Of this \$83,894.47 went through the Cooperative program, \$9,599.92 designated and \$10,080.00 through the Hundred Thousand Club. For the year 1939 the total gifts to southwide objects were \$1,616,876.84. During the month of December Mississippi sent to southwide objects a total of \$3,408.24. Of this \$2,416.58 went through the Cooperative program.

President Roosevelt need not be surprised that his sending a "private ambassador" to the Vatican to help promote his peace plea has aroused angry protest. The reaction to his sending Ambassador Kennedy as his "private ambassador" to the coronation of Pope Pius XII last summer should have convinced him that our great Baptist people and many other Protestants looked with much pain and disfavor on such recognition of any one church. The remembrance of it greatly strengthened the plea of Dr. George W. Truett in his presidential address at the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta that church and state should be kept separate. In the present instance Mr. Roosevelt did, indeed, ask for the co-operation of some of the other religious forces of the United States, but he sent no "private ambassador" to them; he reserved that honor for the Pope in Rome. And now the Pope graciously acknowledges the President of this country as a supporter. Some, at least, of the American people do not like it. As was pointed out some months ago, in a matter like this the President cannot divest himself of his function as the head of the nation; he speaks and acts as a public officer. A representative going on his appointment goes as the representative of the American people and derives his acceptance and influence from these circumstances. Other objections to the President's action in this matter were vigorously expressed by Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hill Church, Atlanta, in a series of questions addressed to Mr. Roosevelt on December 25.—Dr. G. W. Paschal in Biblical Recorder.

News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary

JOE BURTON, Publicity Secretary

HOME MISSION BOARD RECEIPTS IN 1939

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| Cooperative Program | \$234,417.42 |
| General Designated | 27,171.44 |
| March Week of Prayer Fund | 149,968.59 |
| Special Designated | 10,190.34 |
| 100M Club Receipts | 47,236.93 |
| Bottoms Trust Fund | 45,032.08 |
| TOTAL | \$514,016.80 |
| Total in 1938 | \$496,687.35 |
| Increase (3 1/2%) | \$ 17,329.45 |

HOME MISSION OFFERINGS SHOW GOOD 1939 INCREASE

Home Mission Board receipts in 1939 amounting to \$514,016.00 represented an increase of 3 1/2% over 1938, according to Dr. J. B. Lawrence in his report to the Board at its meeting Jan. 4.

Passing the half-million mark for the first time in several years, the total Home Mission offerings in 1939 were \$17,329.00 above the \$496,687.00 figure of the previous year.

Receipts for December showed \$19,575.00 given to the Cooperative Program, \$2,842.00 from the Hundred Thousand Club, and \$1,196.00 in special designations. During December, Dr. Lawrence said, the Board retired \$17,000 in bonds.

Action to erect a \$10,000 mission school building in El Paso, Texas, was taken as the Board voted favorably on a recommendation of Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary.

The new building, Dr. Beagle said, will be erected on the campus of Anglo-Mexican Institute of which Prof. A. Velez is principal. It is to be built on a lot purchased 20 years ago for this purpose.

Half of the \$10,000 is already in hand, Dr. Beagle explained, \$5,000 having been provided in 1939 in the Annie W. Armstrong Offering to Home Missions of the Southern Woman's Missionary Union. The remainder is to be provided in this year's offering.

Two new members of the Board named at the meeting are J. Elmer Slider and Rev. Selwyn Smith. They fill vacancies caused by the resignation of M. E. Coleman and T. H. Porch.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS BLESSINGS ON HOME FIELDS

Plays, cantatas, carols, programs, and distribution of gifts centered around bright Christmas trees marked the observance of the birth of the Saviour on Home Mission fields all over the Southland.

From missionaries on various fields come news of the blessings of the season. In the mountains the beauty of the snow was matched by the indescribable beauty of the bright faces of children made happy by gifts sent from organizations all over the South, and faces radiant with a new joy in Christ Jesus found through Christmas services.

From the Indian missionaries come news of a joyous Christmas, as well as from Spanish, Italian and Chinese. Workers in the cities send in glowing reports of conversions at Christmastime, work done among the needy, and the spreading of Christmas joy.

All of the missionaries express their gratitude to their fields of the South for the many boxes of gifts sent which made the season brighter on their fields.

CURRENT CONDITIONS ILLUSTRATE W. M. U. MISSION STUDY BOOK

Illustrative of migrant Mexican life discussed in *Give Ye Them To Eat* by Mrs. B. A. Copass, are conditions cited by Missionary Julian Ramirez of Slaton, Texas.

"A great part of the Mexican people in Texas," he says, "journey the entire state over year after year.

"To the valley they go when the fruit is ripe, thence to San Antonio and vicinity for cotton picking, and on up the state following the harvest. In September they start arriving in West Texas by the thousands.

"Even though last fall the crops were not too rich, they came anyway. That is the time when our West Texas churches flourish the most, both materially and spiritually. Our congregation rejoices in the spiritual benefits brought by members of distant churches."

In the preparatory study book for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, *Give Ye Them To Eat*, Mrs. Copass points out the opportunity for mission work offered by migrant multitudes in the South. This book to be studied in the next few weeks by W. M. U.'s throughout the South is on sale for 25c at Baptist book stores.

CHINESE SHOW SKILL IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A program prepared entirely by the Chinese young people was presented on Christmas night at the church in San Antonio of which Rev. G. L. Stanley is missionary pastor.

Miss Ollie Lewellyn, missionary to the Chinese in the Texas city, writes that one of the young men wrote the play which was given in a splendid way, with fifteen characters.

"A splendid group of Chinese and American friends were present," writes Miss Lewellyn, "and a good offering for missions was received. The outlook for the coming year is good."

A GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL ON A DIFFICULT FIELD

"The little Sunday school of the new Baptist Church at Garrett, Ky., has received the blessings of God during its first two months," writes Rev. L. W. Martin, mountain missionary in Jeff, Ky.

Brother Martin states that when the Sunday school was organized there were 27 present and that the attendance has grown until recently there have been as many as 94.

Organized in a one-room building, the attendance very soon grew to 50. With the labors of the missionary and some outside help, four rooms were added, giving each of five classes a separate room.

"The fields are difficult. Sin is at full time," brother Martin states. "Error raises his opposing head everywhere. But God does bless and He is bringing many to listen to the message and is causing some to believe unto the salvation of their souls."

AMBASSADOR TO THE POPE

The following letter was sent to President Roosevelt by Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, representing the Baptist World Alliance.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

The announcement in the press, on December 24, 1939, that you have appointed a Personal Representative to the Vatican, raises certain questions which I wish you would answer for the sake of a fuller understanding of this apparently unique policy for our Government. With regard to the announced purpose of "furthering common endeavors for peace and the alleviation of suffering," there would be no question, but with regard to the method, may I inquire:

First, Is the salary and expense of this Personal Representative of the President of the United States to be paid by you personally, or is it to be paid from the public treasury?

Second, If from the public treasury, has there been an enabling act of the Congress authorizing such payment of public funds in keeping with the provision of the Constitution of the United

States, Section Nine, paragraph Seven, which reads, "No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law"? If his salary and expense is to be paid from the President's Contingent Fund, is it contemplated in the establishment of this fund that it may be used for new policies of the Government without the advice and consent of the Congress?

Third, Is the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to the Vatican to go to the Vatican as a Religious Body or as a Political Entity?

Fourth, If as a Religious Body, does the appointment comply with the provision of Article One of the Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion . . ."? And would the President of the United States have authority in such appointment without the consent and approval of the Congress?

Fifth, If as a Political Entity, has the Congress recognized the Vatican as such, and could such appointment be made without the consent and approval of the Congress, as provided in Section Two of the Constitution of the United States, paragraph Two, which reads, "The President shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls . . ."?

Sixth, Can the President of the United States make an appointment of a Personal Representative to the Vatican, or to any other group, be it Religious, Political, or what not, without thereby officially representing and involving the people of the United States? Would such appointee have any standing unless the appointment did carry official sanction?

Thanking you for the above information, and with every best wish for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Louie D. Newton.

FUNCTIONING CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

A church organization functions as a strengthening influence in the program of a church only when its activities contribute to the general health, morale, and spiritual effectiveness of the whole life of the church.

Every phase of the church's program should feel a definite boost and undergirding support from each of its unit organizations. Otherwise these organizations become in the church body, as a foreign substance in a human body, sources of dangerous infection and poison.

In a healthy church life the organizations may represent "differences of administration," and "diversities of operation," but they never lose sight of the fact that "they are members one of another," and "being many, are one body." "It is the same God which worketh all in all."

The S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., B. S. U., Brotherhood and all other organized groups within the church must keep at the heart and center of their scheduled programs of activities and objectives the great unified, comprehensive program of the church as a whole.

This requires a vision upon the part of church leaders which is the product of knowledge, loyalty and consecration to Christ's purpose and ideals of His Church.—J. D. Franks, in First Baptist Evangel, Columbus.

One of the Gulfcoast papers gives the following information about the theological seminary conducted by Roman Catholics at Bay St. Louis for negro preachers. It was established in 1922. Eleven colored priests have been ordained at this seminary. They have charge of four parishes, one mission, three schools and 10,000 Catholics in Southern Louisiana, and conduct missions in various parts of the United States, chiefly in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois and California, caring for 15,000 Catholics. There are 14 professors in the Bay St. Louis school, with 45 students. There are said to be 48 priests devoting themselves to work among the negroes. This is the only Catholic seminary for negroes in the United States.

EDITORIALS

WANTED: THE WORD MADE FLESH

There is no such thing as truth apart from a person, from personal being; just as there can be no such thing as thought without a thinker. It is quite the habit of a certain group of people today to talk about the principles of Jesus, or the teaching of Jesus or the ideals of Jesus, by people who do not wish to have anything to do with Jesus; or at least do not consider Jesus himself as necessary in our thinking and our lives. They would have you and themselves to accept whatever of value there is in the teaching of Jesus without in any way committing yourself or themselves to any recognition of the person of Jesus, or to any obligation to him, or dependence on him.

It takes the familiar form of saying, Just accept the teaching of the sermon on the mount, live by that; that is all that is necessary. Or they would broaden it enough to include the example of Jesus and the principles by which he lived. But even this only accepts half of the teaching of Jesus. For example, Jesus said, "Ye call me Teacher and Lord: and ye say well for so I am." They would go only half way: they would call him teacher, but not Lord. Thus they go only half way in accepting the teaching of Jesus. But Jesus showed Nicodemus, and also the rich young ruler, that he refused to accept the role of teacher unless he was accepted as Lord.

Getting back to the original statement, there is no such thing as abstract truth. There is no such thing as truth separate from personal being. There would never have been any such thing as truth apart from a Person who is the embodiment of truth, and the source of it. Jesus and Jesus alone could truthfully say, "I am the truth." So far as our world is concerned there is no light apart from the sun. The sun is the embodiment and source of light. Of Jesus it was said, "In him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehends it not. The true light that lighteth every man was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not."

Truth apart from personal embodiment is ineffective. It cannot change a man's way of living. Those who reject the person of Jesus and refuse his lordship in their lives become drifting derelicts. They are not themselves transformed and they have no power to transform others. Faith in teaching of any sort, however good and true, does not save a man and cannot save a world. Only faith in a personal Christ can save anyone. Missionaries in Brazil and other papal lands say that they face this difficulty. It happens that an intelligent Catholic is convinced of the error of his system, and of the truth that the missionary preaches. Then he thinks this is all that is necessary. He is willing to accept and profess his faith in the teaching of the missionary. But he has to learn that this does not make a person a Christian. He must take the decisive step and put his faith in the personal Jesus, as his own Savior from sin. Just as a heathen may have, before the coming of Christ, been convinced that his Jewish neighbor had the truth, and confuses it. But he is not saved until he has personally dealt with God and trusted in his word. He is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter.

A man who approves and accepts the whole system of Christian teaching including the trinity, the divinity of Jesus, the atonement and all the moral instruction of the New Testament; and yet does not personally commit himself to faith in Jesus as his only hope of salvation is not a Christian. Take Jesus himself out and the whole system is lifeless and powerless. It is only when the Word became flesh that the truth became

effective to change men and save a lost world. And today it is not what we say, but what we are by the grace of God that gives men a knowledge of the truth.

A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS

John the Baptist started his mission far from the noisy crowd or the busy mart. He was reared in the wilderness of Judea, on the banks of the Jordan. He was far from the religious centers, from the temple and the synagogue. One wonders how he ever got anything started, how on earth he ever attracted people to his preaching, and produced one of the greatest revivals in religious history. What does this all mean?

There is great spiritual significance in it, if we can grasp it. He had none of the advantages of publicity that we have today. He had no sort of organization behind him, such as is considered necessary for effective work, for reaching people and producing results. He hardly had anybody in the sound of his voice. He was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." It would seem that he would hardly produce an echo in all the hills of Judea, or up and down the gorge of the Jordan river. But he did, and more than an echo; he introduced a religious reformation; he was the harbinger of the kingdom of God.

Soon the paths over the hills were crowded with people going out from Jerusalem and all Judea and the cities and country round about, to hear him. And the very reason for it all was that he was a "voice in the wilderness." Read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, all of which we cannot quote here. It is an epic in the way of preaching, and epoch-making in the way of results.

The world was a wilderness, as it threatens to be today; a wilderness of dead theories and decaying faith; of perishing morals and spiritual confusion. The thing needed above everything else was (and is) a voice; someone who could tell them what they needed to know; someone to point the way out of death and doubt, and decay and confusion. Someone who could put the finger on the cause of it all and call men to repent, turn to God. "Make straight the way of the Lord," as said the prophet Isaiah, (Is. 40: 1-31).

O God, for such a voice, such a man today! We believe that the time is ripe for it and God is preparing the man for it. We talk about "movements," about plans and organizations, about combinations and programs. God wants a "voice," a man who can and will speak for Him; a simple soul, a sincere soul, a loyal soul, the soul of righteousness, of utter separation from the world; one who cares for none of the world's pleasures or rewards; one who is distressed because of sin; one who knows the vanity of life without God; one who can call men to sincere repentance, to make straight in the desert a highway for God, to straighten out the crooked places.

We want to hear from one who believes the glory of the Lord shall be revealed; one whose voice has the clear ring of faith and of victory; one who knows that man is but as grass, that the grass withereth, but the word of our God shall stand forever. Let the voice sound till men shall come to hear it everywhere, and answer. Let us return to read and preach the fortieth chapter of Isaiah till the Lord calls all men to repentance.

That voice in the wilderness will do what all our programs and systems and combined organizations can never do. There is something in the human heart that answers to that voice. It tells men of God, of his greatness, his wrath and his mercy; of righteousness and the coming of the kingdom of God. "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. Get thou up on the high mountain; lift up thy voice with strength."

Rev. J. M. Garner becomes vice president of the College of Marshall, Baptist junior college in Marshall, Texas.

LYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The coming of the Holy Spirit in fulness upon the disciples led not only to the loosening of their tongues, but to the loosening of their purse strings. They spoke the word of God with boldness and they put at the service of God and their brethren all their possessions. This in turn reacted upon their leaders: "And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." One can afford to preach with assurance when the conduct of the people thus supports the word.

Even so there is generally a lurking peril when the word is working mightily among the Lord's people. The devil is not very far off and may be counted on to show himself. In this case described in the fifth chapter of Acts Peter charges that Satan had "filled the heart of Ananias to lie to the Holy Spirit." In other words, while others of the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, Ananias was full of the devil.

The particular occasion for it was that under the direction of the Spirit of God these disciples in Jerusalem were surrendering their possessions without reserve, laying them at the apostles' feet, that the needs of the poor in the church might be fully met. A man who did not give became immediately conspicuous for his parsimony. It became the popular thing to give, to make all one had subject to draft for the good of all. Nobody compelled them to give. There were no rules about giving. But their generosity was spontaneous and without restraint.

Because it was popular to give, the desire came to Ananias to make himself popular and respected in the church. It wasn't the giving that appealed to him, but the desire to be considered liberal, and not to be regarded as niggardly. The temptation was strong, but he did not wish really to give. So he yielded to the temptation of the devil and decided he had found a way to be accounted generous and yet to hold on to what he had. "He sold a possession and kept back part of the price." It is not said that he did like the others in selling all, but "he sold a possession," and kept back a part of the price.

The point of it all is that in this matter he was supposed to be dealing with God, for religion is primarily a matter between the soul and God. All that the others did was in obedience to an impulse wrought in them by the Spirit of God. "We worship by the Spirit of God," Phil. 3:3. And giving is a form of worship. He was foolish enough to think he could deceive the Spirit of God, and lied to the Holy Ghost.

There is no more dangerous thing than to try to fool the Lord in the matter of giving. You may fool yourself, but not the Lord. If the Lord's word makes it plain that a tenth is the Lord's, and that we are to bring all the tithe to Him in worship, it is dangerous to try to persuade yourself that something less will do. If you are convinced that a tithe belongs to Him, then don't fool yourself into thinking you are doing it when you are not. You may fool the people, though that is very doubtful. But such lying to God is sure to invite his wrath. It is a form of hypocrisy against which Jesus poured out the vials of his anger, and which sped the souls of Ananias and Sapphira into eternity.

Tennessee Baptists will employ a State Brotherhood Secretary. Their 1940 budget for all causes is \$435,665.00, nearly double that of Mississippi.

Secretary McCall has figured it out that by paying off the bonds of the Education Commission, for which the Convention Board is responsible, in the next three years, instead of letting them run to maturity, Mississippi Baptists will save \$250,000. A quarter of a million dollars is no small amount to save. It is as much as we give in ten years through the ordinary channels. Certainly it is worth any possible sacrifice and every Mississippi Baptist should join in the effort.

IS IT TRUE?

The Baptist Record quotes Dr. F. C. McConnell as follows: "There is no line of study more stimulating or strengthening of faith in the inspiration of God's Word than the study of fulfilled prophecies. There is no more disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling habit than giving one's time to trying to understand what God has reserved to Himself and stated in prophecies which have not yet been fulfilled in human history."

Do the disastrous effects as described by Dr. McConnell follow the prayerful study of the unfulfilled prophecies of our Holy Bible? It does not, according to my limited but long observation.

If it does, then certainly no one, not even a devout believer, is justified in studying any promise or prophecy of God "which has not yet been fulfilled in human history."

I cannot say amen.

If we close our eyes and minds to all that God says He will do in the future then if He fulfills His Word in our day, we will be caught unawares. That is what happened to the Jews when Christ came. God foretold that Jesus would (a) be born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14. (b) He would come out of Bethlehem. Micah 5:2. (c) He would be called out of Egypt. Hos. 11:1. (d) He would be anointed with the Spirit. Isaiah 11:2. (e) His entry into Jerusalem. Zech. 9:9. (f) That He would be betrayed by a friend. Ps. 41:9, 55:2 to 14. (g) That He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver and a potter's field bought. Zech. 11:12 and 13. (h) That He would be scourged and spit upon. Isaiah 50:6. (i) That no bones would be broken. Ps. 34:20. (j) That He would be given gall and vinegar. Ps. 69:21. (k) That He would be a sin bearer. Isaiah 53.

All these and many other prophecies were literally fulfilled before their eyes and yet they rejected the promised One. Why? Because they had closed their eyes to unfulfilled prophecies, just what Dr. McConnell would have us do now.

The logic of Dr. McConnell's position is that it will stimulate the faith of believers in our day to study these fulfilled prophecies but it would have been "disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling" for the Jews to have studied them in their day for the reason "they had not yet been fulfilled in human history." Far be it from me to accept such a conclusion.

How much better it would have been for the Jews if they had studied and believed God's prophecies and expected their literal and imminent fulfillment. Terrible results came because they blinded their eyes to God's prophecies.

Because they blinded their eyes to God's prophecies, God has blinded their eyes, for a time at least, to what He has said He will graciously do for them in the future.

But has God blinded the believer's eyes? It would seem that Dr. McConnell thinks so because he says that "God has reserved to Himself the things He has stated in prophecies not yet fulfilled in human history." Again I cannot say Amen.

Jesus said, Jno. 16:3, "How be it, when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come."

Notice: "He will guide you into all truths" * * * "He will show you things to come."

In the light of the promise of my Savior that the Spirit will guide us into all truth I cannot believe with Dr. McConnell that "God has reserved to Himself the things He has stated in His prophecies which have not yet been fulfilled in human history."

Neither can I believe with Dr. McConnell that when an earnest, devout student of "all truth" opens his mind and heart to the Spirit to "show him things to come" that he will find it "disconcerting, unsatisfying, misleading and unsettling."

I most respectfully ask Dr. McConnell the following questions:

First: How do you know, Dr. McConnell, that

"there is no more disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling habit than giving one's time to trying to understand what God has reserved to Himself and stated in prophecies which have not been fulfilled in human history?"

Second: How do you know that "God has reserved to Himself the things which He has stated in prophecies which have not been fulfilled in human history?"

Third: Why do you think God would write prophecies for us to read and yet seal them from our understanding?

Fourth: Why did Jesus appear to John on the Isle of Patmos and tell him to "write the things which thou hast seen and the things which are and the things which shall be hereafter," if "the things which shall be hereafter" would be "disconcerting, unsatisfactory and misleading" to the student of the things written?

Fifth: When Jesus said to the Jews, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me." Did He mean that they should search only those Scriptures concerning Him that had already been fulfilled?

Sixth: Is any Scripture profitable, the study of which is "disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling"?

Seventh: What reason do you give for Paul's writing to Timothy, saying that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," if the study of some of them "is disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling"?

Eighth: If a sincere, conscientious student of the whole Bible finds himself "disconcerted, misled and unsettled" by such study is not God to blame for recording in His word the truths that produce such unfortunate results in the mind of His credulous child?

Very sincerely,

J. W. LEE.
—DR—

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



Who wouldn't smile? Circulation this week 18,008. But that is only 8 above 18 thousand. Next week we will probably have several expirations. So here is an invitation to everybody to renew, subscribe, adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and help us to FOREVER stay above the 18,000 mark.

Forever yours,

A. L. GOODRICH, Cir. Mgr.

SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

Mark 18:8a

No more worthy, unselfish, outstanding effort in behalf of The Baptist Record has come to our office during our five years with The Record than that of Mrs. L. F. Ferguson of Greenwood,

Miss. Being made Literature Chairman of the W.M.S. of the First Baptist Church of Greenwood meant more to Mrs. Ferguson than making a few announcements that "if anybody wants to subscribe they can see me." Mrs. Ferguson found that Baptist Record subscribers in Greenwood were few and far between. If we remember correctly, there were something like 15. We don't know what plan Mrs. Ferguson used but feel certain that she put a lot of work into it. She began to send in lists of varying numbers but in a short while she had succeeded in getting a list of 104 subscribers for the Record.

We have tried every way we know to get a photograph of Mrs. Ferguson to use with this article but she is so modest that we have failed. When we wrote telling her of our appreciation of this extraordinary accomplishment in bringing the Greenwood subscription list to 104, her reply was:

"I appreciate very much indeed your kind letter concerning my efforts in getting the subscriptions to the Baptist Record. I feel that I reached the goal because I depended on the Lord to help us 'put it over.' Reaching the goal is my reward and I feel that I have only done my duty as Periodical Chairman of the W.M.S. since the request came through the W.M.S."

We want to publicly thank Mrs. Ferguson and any who aided her as well as many other good women all over the state who have given generously of their time in "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

LEESBURG—Rankin County

Having had Dr. A. A. Kitchings as pastor some years ago, the church at Leesburg has again called him as pastor. We were invited to attend an oyster supper and get-together meeting given for the men of the church. Plans for 1940 were discussed and a program of work for the year outlined. Leesburg is the only church in a large community and possibilities for great things are plentiful. We spoke on the Cooperative Program and Dr. Kitchings (as always) saw to it that they arranged for the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Rankin County now has subscribers as follows: RICHLAND 42; ANTIOCH 21; CLEAR BRANCH 21; Clear Creek 8; Mountain Creek 9; Puckett 1; Star 3; BAREFOOT 18; Johns 1; CONCORD 45; Pearson 10; PELAHATCHIE 64; STEENS CREEK 65; Whitfield 4; BRIAR HILL 34; Fannin 1; Goshen Springs 4; Sand Hill 1; OAKDALE 12; Brandon 6; Brandon R.F.D. 1; CATO 47; LEESBURG 77.

OKOLONA

Even if it was cold and snow had arrived the night before, a good sized audience was on hand for the Sunday morning audience at Okolona. But that is to be expected where R. B. Patterson is pastor for with him "things do more." The work at Okolona is in good shape, the spirit of the people is fine, and they have a mind to work.

Chickasaw County has subscribers listed as follows: Okolona 8; Houlika 10; HOUSTON 97; Houston R.F.D. 1; Center 1; Van Vleet 1.

FORTY-FIRST AVENUE—Meridian

Under the leadership of Dr. J. L. Boyd, Forty-First Avenue Church is going places and there is a fine spirit among the people. They finished the year with all debts paid, some paid on the church building debt and a small balance in the treasury. George M. Ethredge, Jr., is doing a good work as Sunday school superintendent. Lewis Curtis keeps the B.T.U. in high gear and Mrs. G. M. Ethredge, Sr., leads the W.M.U. They have all the auxiliaries and keep the mission fires burning.

We spoke about the E F Plan to the deacons. They gave us a good hearing and asked us to come back and explain it to the church.

Lauderdale County's subscribers are listed as follows: HIGHLAND 63; Forty-first Avenue 19; First Baptist Church 19; Fifteenth Avenue 25; Southside 1; Eighth Avenue 5; Meridian 16; Poplar Springs 2; R.F.D. Meridian 2; MARION 19; MIDWAY 12; Oak Grove 1; GOODWATER 15; Kewanee 3; Liberty 1; Russell 2; BETHANY 33; FELLOWSHIP 28; Toomsaba 1.

PREPARING FOR THE CHURCH SERVICE

By William James Robinson, D.D.

Every one expects the preacher to prepare himself thoroughly physically, mentally and spiritually to conduct the service, and to deliver an appropriate message effectually. No thoughtful Christian has any respect for a minister who treats his preparation for preaching lightly. Preaching the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ appropriately is the greatest business in the world, and the most important employment. When a preacher takes his task lightly he dishonors himself, and makes a travesty of the holiest service he can render God or man.

It is not unkind to charge ministers to take the work of preaching seriously, and treat it as a sacred duty and the highest privilege any man can have.

It is just as important as necessary, as imperative that the auditor prepare for the service as it is for the minister to do so. Many a well prepared, well delivered sermon has failed in its purpose because it was delivered to unprepared auditors. Many persons go to church without preparing for the service, and find it uninteresting, and even boring, and then blame the preacher for not interesting them. This is utterly unfair to the minister and to the auditor himself.

When Moses saw the burning bush he turned aside to see it, but as he drew near the Lord said: "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." (Ex. 3:5). We should regard the house of God as a holy place, as a place peculiarly holy because of the special presence of God, and the occasion as a sacred time because we expect to meet God there. The hour of worship should be a momentous occasion; and the sincere worshiper should prepare for it accordingly.

When we are privileged to meet personally a man distinguished for his nobility of service and character we make special preparation for it. One would not think of being poorly prepared or in any wise inadequately prepared. How much more careful we should be when we go into the special presence of God and the king of kings and Lord of lords. Our nation was recently honored by having as our guests the king and queen of England. Every loyal American expected our president to show them every consideration befitting their station. How careful we should be to do our utmost to properly appear before the ruler of the universe.

Prepare physically. The hour of worship in the house of God should be esteemed an important occasion—one worthy of momentous preparation. To willingly go there weary in body and mind is to go unprepared. Strive to so end the week's duties so as to secure a refreshing night's rest, and open your eyes with gladness on the Lord's Day. Make your physical fitness to give him your best an act of worship.

Prepare mentally. As nearly as possible clear your mind of everything that will hinder concentrating your thoughts on him who is worthy of all honor and all praise. You need not expect the house of God to be a place of spiritual feasting if it is not worthy of your undivided attention for the period of worship. Not only clear your mind of other considerations, but set it vigorously to the consideration of your relation to God. Let your soul cry out: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth," and you will receive the blessing you so greatly need.

Prepare spiritually. Be able to say: "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1). "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners; and purify your hearts ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (Jas. 4:8-10). The heart must hunger for the Lord, and for fellowship with his people, and come before him with a sense of need, and bring an offering of sincere thanksgiving and

gratitude. Without spiritual preparation you will not likely receive a blessing.

Go to the house of the Lord to join sincerely and devoutly in the worship. Sing heartily when the congregation sings, and listen sympathetically and prayerfully to the special music. The music is to be an aid to your devotions and it will be if you will only allow it to do so. If it does not do this it is most likely your fault. Join heartily in all the congregational prayers. Pour out your soul in sincere devotions and follow the minister in his pulpit prayer. God will not likely force delight and blessing upon you, but if you wait devoutly upon him he will not fail you.

Prepare to listen to the minister. Do not demand too much of him, and do not expect too much. It is not his prerogative to compel your attention or to force upon you spiritual refreshing. Expect him to obey Paul's injunction to Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all lovesuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). Listen sympathetically, discriminatively, and receptively and you will surely find a feast for your hungry heart. God will never fail a heart that waits before him hungering for refreshment, but he is offering nothing to the one who comes before him with no desire for a rich blessing.

To make the service effective there must be a profound spirit of reverence pervading the whole audience. Profound silence and secret devotion should characterize the time before the service begins. The hilarious jesting, and fervent visiting that precedes the service of worship in many of our churches is as much out of place as an infuriated bull in a china shop. You can not go quickly from a perfectly proper hilarious conversation into the reverent worship of God. It is impossible to do so. Visiting is entirely out of place in the house of God.

We expect the minister to come from bended knees before the throne of God, and with living coals of fire from the altar on his lips when he comes to preach to us. Since we expect this he has a right to expect his auditors to have their hearts in a condition to be set aflame with spiritual delight. Hearts cold to spiritual things, but alive to carnal things will not give spiritual truths a very warm reception.

Many excellent sermons are reduced to nothing, a tinkling sibilant or sounding brass, by auditors being unprepared for worship and for hearing the message of a Spirit filled man. God pity the minister who has to preach to an audience indifferent to the seriousness, the dignity, the sacredness of the occasion.

If our congregations, the persons who claim redemption through the blood, will really prepare for the service they will multiply the ministers power many times.

Kansas City, Mo.

We publish this week a part of the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The rest will be published in the next issue. This is done in order that our people may act intelligently on the matter at the next meeting of the Convention. All our people should read it and feel free to discuss it or make any suggestions with reference to it. It is a lengthy document, but under it our Convention will operate for years to come. It is very important that it shall express the will of our people, and shall enable us to do the most effective work for the Master. Read it and see if it suits you.

Louisville: Our people are looking forward with interest to the Evangelistic Conference to be held in the Louisville Baptist Church on February 9, 1940. We extend a most cordial invitation to our people in the surrounding counties of this district to meet in this conference. There will be three sessions: Friday, Feb. 9, 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; 1:30 p. m. to 4:15 p. m.; and 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. The Louisville church will furnish free lunch (12:30 to 1:30) to all who come. We hope all pastors in this section of the state will make it a point to come. Also that they will bring their deacons, Sunday school workers, and many others with them.—J. N. McMillin, Pastor.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"On Your Own Ground"

Not infrequently the preacher makes the mistake of choosing the wrong place in which to talk to people. I have found through the years that we accomplish a great deal more by talking to them in the church, or the study, or in my home than when I talk to them in their home or store or office, or wherever they work. When I have them in my office or the church or home, I have them on my ground. Very frequently it makes all the difference in the world where you talk to a person. He can say "No" a great deal more easily on his own ground than he can on yours. There are several sound psychological reasons for this.

I find this especially to be true when I am dealing with people about matters that have to do with their moral or spiritual attitude.

Sometimes I spend weeks in getting an interview with a person on my ground. I rarely ever fail with one when I can get him for a conversation on my ground, and I seldom succeed with one when I talk to him on his ground.

A COMMENDATION AND A CRITICISM

In the Baptist Record of January 4, there was a very fine article by one J. A. Thigpen. Neither his title nor his postoffice address was given; therefore I do not know how to address him. But I want him and all the readers of the Record to know that he is to be commended for his Christian courage in showing up some of the gross evils common in handling the Word of God. We condemn the Catholics for their false teaching and wrong doing, but adopt their church kingdom theory, their false teaching about the date of the birth of Christ, his crucifixion and resurrection.

Some of the Record readers will recall that when I was writing the notes on the Sunday school lessons, that I showed by the Scriptures that Jesus was crucified and buried on Wednesday, and raised from the dead just before sunset the following Saturday.

The golden text of a recent Sunday school lesson was taken from Isa. 11:6, and reads, "And a little child shall lead them." The context shows that Isaiah was telling of the changed nature of wild beasts and poisonous insects after Jesus comes and sets up His kingdom. The ferocious beasts will be so docile that a little child shall handle them without danger. The effort was made by the lesson committee to prove that a little child shall lead lost sinners into "the kingdom." What a travesty on the Word of God! There is not a sentence in the Bible that teaches that little children shall lead lost sinners to Christ. Read it and see. Yes, "let's stick to the Bible."

Fraternally,

L. D. Posey,

Long Beach, Miss.

West Helena, Ark.: Sunday, Jan. 7 was our third anniversary here. During these three years there have been 370 additions to the church with 263 of them coming for baptism. The net gain in membership has been 275. Present membership 920. Offerings of \$21,286.83 have been received with \$3,939.30 going to missions. The Sunday school has kept pace with the growth of the church. The average for 1937 was 278. For 1938 the average was 330. 1939 the average was 388. The Sunday school has been standard for several years. The church has a full graded W.M.U. with 250 members. A Training Union with 14 organizations and a Brotherhood with fifty members. The 1940 budget was oversubscribed at a recent service by more than a thousand dollars. To date 412 pledge cards have been received with 310 signing to tithe.—Cecil H. Franks, Pastor.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship * Serve * Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

I

"Who is a wise man endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:13-18.

II

For 1940 Mississippi Baptists not only have two full time evangelists in the field, the State Secretary in the field of evangelism part time, but 63 missionary pastors preaching Jesus each week of the year in all parts of the State. In addition 18 church building programs are aided; Negro work is continued in two places; Indian work is carried on and work in all departments kept at high level. Clarke College is also given \$1,000.00.

III

"The Moral Dignity of Baptism" by Frost has been revised by Dr. Drummond for study courses. It should and will have a good reception.

To those who like a small Sunday school help to carry in purse or pocket for study between busy moments, Moore's "Points for Emphasis" is unsurpassed.

IV

Those pastors and churches who have not acted upon or sent in DUPLICATE forms for Ministers' Retirement participation should do so at once. You need not send checks until you hear from this office.

V

It is not too late to make proper preparation for the Church Loyalty Emphasis in your church.

VI

Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, February 26-29.

Regional Brotherhood Conference April 29-May 6.

VII

God has been good in leading Southern Baptists in Training work, Mississippi included. Note this victory in figures:

1. Study Course Awards: 177,284 in 1936; 190,952 in 1937; 243,808 in 1938; 248,999 in eleven months of 1939, with probability that at least 265,776 will be issued in twelve months. For four years, 877,820 awards.

2. Training Union Periodicals: 622,810 average per issue circulation in 1935; 830,967 average per issue circulation in 1939—a gain of 208,157 per issue in four years. There has been a gain of 94,132 per issue in 1939 over 1938.

3. Number of churches reporting some phase of Training Union work on January 1, 1936; 12,006. Number of churches reporting some phase of Training Union work on January 1, 1939: 13,138. Gain in three years (1939 reports not complete): 1,132 churches.

4. Number of graded Training Unions, with at least a director, on January 1, 1936: 7,884. Number on January 1, 1939: 9,930. A gain of 2,046 in three years.

5. Total number of Unions and Story Hours on

January 1, 1936: 35,001. Total number on January 1, 1939: 41,583, a gain of 6,584 in three years.

6. Enrolment on January 1, 1936: 669,230. Enrolment on January 1, 1939: 805,945, a gain of 136,715 in three years.

7. Number of associations organized for Training Union work on January 1, 1936 was 710. This has been increased to 749 on January 1, 1939. This means that an army of at least 7,500 volunteers have given themselves to the task of extending and maintaining Training Union work in the churches during this period.

8. Associational Officers Meetings have been held annually in all the states. A total of 825 associations have been represented in these meetings, and they have had a grand total attendance of approximately 36,000.

9. The Sunday School Board has granted 13,719 requests for free Quarterlies for organizing new unions during the four years."

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CHURCH UNION

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Some time ago a proposal was offered to unite the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The Presbyterian publishes an open letter by Bishop Manning who opposes the proposed Concordat, although some of his associates approve the union. We quote from Bishop Manning's letter, which it seems to us, goes to the heart of the matter:

"In common with all the historic Catholic Communion both of the East and of the West, in common with the whole of the Anglican Communion throughout the world, and in common with at least two-thirds of all the Christians in this world at the present time, the Episcopal Church believes in the office and functions of the priesthood, and that Episcopal Ordination is necessary for the exercise of that office. This is the belief expressed plainly in its Prayer Book, in its Constitution and Canons, and in its practice through all its history. That this is the doctrine of the Episcopal Church is made clear beyond all question by the fact that in the Episcopal Church and in the whole of the Anglican Communion a priest from the Roman Catholic Church or from the Eastern Catholic Churches is received without re-ordination, whereas a minister from any of the Protestant Churches must be re-ordained. But the Presbyterian Church honestly and conscientiously rejects this belief in the office of the priesthood and in the necessity of Episcopal Ordination for that office."

The advocates of organic union apparently lose sight of the fact that any union which requires the sacrifice of convictions will be disastrous and take out of the union the very elements that constitute the strength of any spiritual fellowship.

In this connection we quote from the November number of *The Minister* of Chicago. *The Minister* has repeatedly urged Northern and Southern Baptists to unite, and Dr. Earl V. Pierce, former president of the Northern Baptist Convention expresses his personal views in a letter published by *The Minister*. We believe that he expresses the views of an overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists!

"I do not agree with you as to the advisability of merging the missionary work of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. I am not taken very much with the merger idea that is so prominent these days. Bigness I do not think is to be considered synonymous with power. The congress at Atlanta made it plain that we are a united people the world over, but are organized separately for missionary work, and I am convinced that we do it much more effectively that way. We are not like the Methodists or Presbyterians with a central governing body; and therefore, we do not need a central organization to represent our unity. It seems to me that our conventions now are unwieldy because of size."—Ex.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

I

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he, with a chuckle, replied
That 'maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he tried.'
So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!"

II

"I will pay my vows NOW in the presence of all His people." Psalm 116:14.

"NOW therefore perform the doing of it." II Cor. 8:11.

God Almighty says NOW!

His Book says NOW!

Tomorrow is the Devil's delusion!

Tomorrow is a mirage on the desert of time!

Tomorrow is just over the bridge of today!

Tomorrow is the day when the husband is going to treat the wife better, when some say they will be saved, when some declare they will do their duty by His Church, but tomorrow never comes!

So, Hell fills up, homes break up and some of God's people are defeated.

Maybe we need a club for those who promise
"I will pay dollars on denominational obligations 50 years after I am dead."

Sorry, but it just won't work!

III

But doubling the 5M Club to put us out in three years has started working and this is written a week before you will read it. More will be in by then.

The first Now Club certificate (doubling the 5M Club)—No. 1 for \$500.00 in three years went to a member of Clinton Baptist Church (McLaurin, field worker). The second, No. 2 for \$500.00 went to a member of the same. The third, fourth and fifth, Nos. 51, 52, 53 @ \$100 each went to the same.

The next went to a member of Blue Mountain Baptist Church—No. 13 for \$500.00 (Patch, field worker). All the following to members of the same: No. 78 for \$100; No. 29 for \$50.00; No. (not given) for \$100; No. 77 for \$100; No. 26 for \$50.00; No. 28 for \$50.00; No. 28 for \$36.00; No. 27 for \$36.00; No. 30 for \$36.00; No. 31 for \$36.00; No. 27 for \$50.00; No. 29 for \$36.00; No. 32 for \$36.00; No. 33 for \$36.00.

The next went to a member of the First Baptist Church in Jackson, No. 101 for \$36.00 (McLaurin, field worker). The following to members of the same church: No. 102 for \$36.00; No. 61 for \$250.

The next went to Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson, No. 54 for \$100 (McLaurin, field worker).

Then comes No. 1 for \$250.00 to Baldwyn Church (Patch, field worker).

Worthy examples for many others to follow.

These above are individuals. If whole churches or groups start taking a single certificate when several individuals should take certificates it will defeat the plan.

Come on, let's go!

—BR—

Lyon and Jonestown Baptist Churches, Rev. B. Frank Smith pastor, have voted to participate in the Ministers' Retirement Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board. Jonestown has put the Record in the budget for 1940, and Lyon will put on a concerted drive for subscriptions in January. Ten per cent of Jonestown's and 25 per cent of Lyon's budget will go to the Cooperative Program. Lyon will inaugurate a three months Christ-Centered Crusade in February, to be followed by a revival, with a D.V.B.S. in June. Jonestown has recently organized a Church Orchestra, and both churches have Intermediate B. Y. P. U.'s, recently organized.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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FREE TRACTS ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Richmond, Va.—(F. M. B.)—The Foreign Mission Board is publishing a series of tracts on its work around the world, five of which have been completed. These are as follows: Southern Baptists Around the World, Baptist Young Women in Training Overseas, Southern Baptists in Nigeria.

All of these are most helpful as supplementary material in mission study classes, schools of missions, and missionary program. The last two mentioned will prove valuable to those studying the new books on Europe and Africa. Each contains a map of the field about which it is written, gives a brief glimpse of the country in which mission work is maintained, and outlines concisely the work being carried on at the present time. They present essential facts in compact form.

There is no charge made for these tracts, and you may obtain them by writing Miss Mary M. Hunter, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.

A LETTER FROM RUTH FORD

Wweilin Kwangsi

It is half past seven and a nice rainy Sunday morning. To us it is more than nice for it means enemy planes cannot get through the mists to bomb us. It is also the first week of cooler weather and that is a great relief. In fact, everything looks good to me this morning.

I had such a delightful vacation in Shanghai this summer and I rested and played until I am ready to face anything in the year ahead. Our Shanghai folks are about the busiest missionaries and I had a week there before school closed, running along behind to see how it was all done. They carry on in the worst of conditions—poor crowded schools that would take the heart out of an American school. I saw no less than fourteen schools graduate, eight of them Baptist. Our Baptist schools are indeed spreading the light in that huge crowded city.

Upon reaching Hongkong I heard Kweilin had two more very severe bombings and the government hospital was hit, leaving the city with nothing but a clinic. Our party was delayed because of hospital supplies so I came on ahead. I could not sit quietly in Hongkong for several more weeks when I was needed here. I felt led very definitely to use some special gifts and fly up, the only way I could at that time. I have been thankful every day since that I did. As it has turned out, I have been here a month, and the others are just now leaving Hongkong and will likely be a month on the road. Flood season in Indo China makes travel slow half way and the rest of the way must be made at night because of enemy planes. So many cars and trucks have been machine-gunned as they travel that road. We are so thankful for the little ambulance that makes it possible to travel.

A week after I flew up from Hongkong the plane service to China stopped. I came just at the right time. My little house never looked so good and the friends give me a very royal welcome. I wish you could know some of our fine Christian Chinese.

We are cave dwellers in a modern world. When the alarm goes telling us planes are in our neighborhood, every man, woman and child hunts a cave. The limestone mountains have many natural caves and many have been enlarged to hold the multitudes. It's a sight to behold to stand on the city wall and watch the thousands flee for their lives. I go now to a place not quite ten minutes away and so do some two thousand others. I've always heard of people being pack-

ed like sardines in a box but I was never one of them before. Picture, if you can, two thousand people in a dark low cave, so close together you can't move, nearly half the people holding at least one baby, and that screaming at the top of his lungs with fear, people fighting over a place to stand or sit, women yelling lustily for some member of the family, everyone so hot that perspiration pours in streams and all out of breath from the case. We are having many alarms, but no planes for more than a month. Sometimes we have as many as three alarms in one day. The cities near have had terrible times recently, and we know we are bound to get our share—we always do.

We have what we call a "Relief Hospital." Dr. Mewsaw is not here, of course, so a committee has charge. We have one full time doctor and one two hours a day, three nurses and a manager. So far we do nothing but take out patients, and in two weeks hope to take in patients.

Opening a hospital is a job. Ours burned as you know, and since Central China College, a refugee school here from Hankow, has moved on interior and not using our girls' school building, we are opening there. I came to get things ready and am seeing men getting beds, tables and chairs made, all of wood of course. Next week I must see about straw mats, rice straw pillows, wash pans, tea pots, etc. After all is ready those of you who see nothing but an American modern hospital might wonder why we call it a hospital. Won't even have sheets until Dr. Mewshaw arrives, but that's ok.—they don't like them anyway. Would much rather have a straw mat under them.

The educated Chinese are about as interested in the European war as we are. We all wonder what next. It's all so horrible. We have more or less gotten used to yellow men fighting, but to think of white people! Oh, I hope they never make it a point to bomb civilians, innocent women and children, as has been done here.

This is a strange rambling letter, but I just wanted to visit you awhile. Did not get the Illinois paper this year so I don't know what goes on in the state. Don't you ever write letters? The Lord willing I'll be home this time next year. I am due to sail in June and should reach the U. S. coast early in July. Can it be possible that it will be five years?

Please tell me the date you receive this so I can gauge how mail travels from here now.

May God bless and keep you all.

Lovingly yours,

RUTH FORD

My dear Miss Traylor:

Happy New Year to all of you!

I am enclosing check for \$56.27 for our gift to W.M.U. Training School. We pledged \$50.00 and are happy that we can make this gift. Did the state as a whole reach the goal we set at the Convention?

I wrote you a short note when I sent the quarterly report apologizing for being late in sending it, but I had to tear it open and add some to the Lottie Moon report, so didn't send the letter with the report, but I here and now apologize. I just had to hold it over until after the first to accommodate some of the ladies with their gifts to missions. You remember I wrote you and asked you to join with us in praying that if it were God's will He would help us to reach our goal of \$500.00 to the Lottie Moon offering. I am so happy to report that He not only helped us to reach it, but go over to \$518.00.

I feel sure that we will go beyond that. God has surely been good to us this year. We changed up, that's true, but in face of that we did better and more effective work this year than ever before. Our gifts to the three mission offerings—Home, State and Foreign, increased over the year before, and we went over our goals. We gave more to 100,000 and 5,000 Clubs, more to the Orphanage, more to Mary Reeks' fund (this is money we send direct to Mrs. McCormick in Africa each year. I think we will have around \$150.00 this year). We gave \$74.91 to the Women's Emergency Home in New Orleans. We gave a grand total to all causes this year—this includes local, of \$1,601.21. In addition to this we dressed all the Samaritan Home children at Easter—there were over twenty, and of course our box to the Orphanage at Thanksgiving. This year we are going to make the orphans Easter dresses out of the material sent there Thanksgiving. We have enlisted 24 new members. Most of these are women who have been living here in McComb, but never belonged to W.M.U., however, some are newcomers. We enrolled more than 24 new members, but these are the ones that we class as active members. I have a first vice-president for this year that is really going to make her work bear fruit. She has already gone to church roll and gotten name of every woman in church, and those who should be in W.M.U. She has given them out to the circles to be contacted and enlisted. I give you this report, first because I feel you will be interested, and then we praise God's name that we have been able to have a part in the work the W.M.U. here has accomplished. Pray for us as we go into the year of 1940. Oh pray that the president might live so she will feel the leading of God, so that what is done will be of His planning and not hers. Pray that we may do His will in every respect.

Lovingly,

CENIE H. MOSELEY.

Mrs. H. P. Moseley, Jr.
 McComb, Mississippi.

—BR—

Baylor University's 95th birthday will be celebrated in Founder's Day exercises February 1, as dedication ceremonies are held for \$250,000 Pat Neff Hall and the \$15,000 Cullen F. Thomas carillon in the hall's 150 foot tower. Dr. George W. Truett, former president of the Baptist World Alliance and alumnus of the school, will be one of the speakers. Alumni will have complete charge of the day's program. Baylor is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas and the third oldest coeducational college in the United States.

The following telegram was received from Washington: We believe our pastors should use February fourth, Baptist World Alliance day to preach on Religious Liberty, separation of church and state and the bearing of these upon appointment of Vatican envoy. Southern Baptist position given in pronouncement on religious liberty published in convention minutes has been endorsed unanimously by Northern and colored Baptists. Any action taken by local congregations should be given publicity and copy sent to public relations committee in Washington.—Wm. S. Abernathy, pastor Calvary Baptist Church; E. Hilton Jackson; Rufus W. Weaver, chairman Public Relations Committee, Southern Baptist Convention; Chas. B. Austin, president District of Columbia Baptist Convention; Randolph L. Gregory, president Washington Baptist Ministers Conference; Gove G. Johnson, chairman Public Relations Committee Northern Baptist Convention.

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THE CURSE OF DRINK

J. B. Cranfill, Dallas, Texas

Through all my mature life I
have been fighting the liquor traffic.
I lived in the old saloon days and
have survived until the widespread
after-effects of this New Deal in
lawlessness and crime. For years in
West Texas I published a prohibi-
tion weekly paper in a town of
1,000 inhabitants, in which there
were ten saloons. The situation there
was quite like it was in other wet
areas, with the additional hazard to
life and peace of the mob, which
was then, now is, and always has
been, hand-in-glove with the liquor
traffic.

I

At Gatesville, Coryell County,
where I then lived, the saloons and
the mobs were in the saddle. The
time came when we elected Jim
Lanham sheriff. He was a quiet
young man of few words but abounding
courage. When the mob wanted
to liquidate adverse witnesses or
enemies of their particular group
of criminals, they would raid the
jail and hang such prisoners as they
wanted to dispose of, and that hap-
pened more than once in that sec-
tion of Texas.

At Belton, the County Seat of the
adjoining county, the mob went to
the jail one night and killed nine
prisoners in five minutes' time. Any
man who combated the mob and
the saloons took his life in his hands,
and that I knew full well when I
made my war on the twin evils.
From 1882 for five years I staged
my campaign and, through the
providence of God, emerged alive
but would not have lived through
it but for His preserving grace.

The last mob that undertook to
take prisoners from the jail and
execute them was foiled by Jim
Lanham and courageous citizens of
Gatesville. The mob sent word that
they were coming into town to kill
some prisoners, and Lanham sum-
moned a posse of citizens, of whom
I was one, to defend the jail. Small
arms were plentiful. With rifles,
shotguns and Colt forty-fives we
took our places and awaited the
mob. They first sent a committee
to parley with the sheriff, who said
to the chairman of the committee:
"John, you are not going to get

these prisoners. If your mob comes
down here, we'll kill every one of
you."

That ended it. While it did not
end crime in the county, it was a
severe blow to the criminal element
from which they did not recover.

But the old saloons were heavenly
compared with the liquor set-up
now. If a barkeeper had in those
days sold liquor to a woman over
the bar, he would have been mobbed.
If another liquor seller had employ-
ed a barmaid, both the barkeeper
and the barmaid would have been
mobbed. While those liquor sellers
were insensate to the lifter emo-
tions of life, as most liquor sellers
are, there was a perennial rever-
ence there for womanhood that en-
dured until, through the machina-
tions of the distillers, bootleggers,
brewers and other purveyors of the
liquor traffic, the Eighteenth
Amendment was repealed and the
ghastly hell we now witness on ev-
ery hand was turned loose upon
America.

II

The human memory is short and
fallible, but there is not one among
us who does not recall the mislead-
ing strategy the wets projected in
the campaign for repeal. They said:
"Oh, no! We are not going to have
the saloon, that diabolical institu-
tion, back with us again. No never!
What we will do will be so to curb
and celestialize the liquor business
that bootlegging will be done away
with, liquor criminalities will be ov-
erpast and after repeal we will have
an era of sobriety and decency never
before known in America."

All the sane and intelligent read-
ers of this paper recall these
oleginous hypocrisies of the cam-
paign for repeal. They are fresh up-
on our minds. Those of us who were
initiated knew then they were lying
in their throats and we knew, more-
over, that millions of money had
been used for the bribing of poli-
ticians, the employment of oily-
tongued lawyers and the corruption
of the ballot, so that the brewing,
distilling and liquor selling busi-
ness could again be legalized, and
after that, little did they care for
the flamboyant promises they had
made, for they had won their fight
for the debauchery and prostitu-
tion of American manhood and wom-
anhood.

For six months I have been broad-
casting over XEAW, a 100,000 watt
Mexico station, 960 kilocycles, a
daily temperance message. You can
get it now at 6:15 p. m. Central Time
daily. I have received many hun-
dreds of letters from what our
Negro preacher friend calls "Lis-
tenin' Land." It is not unusual for
me to have letters in my daily mail
from ten different states, stretching
all the way from Texas to Pennsyl-
vania on the east, and as far west
as Colorado and Arizona. Some of
these letters are so heart-rending
that they would break the heart
of an angel. With perhaps a mil-
lion barmaids in the United States
and drunken drivers thronging all
our highways, we have a situation
undreamed of in prohibition days.

Recently on a trip to Little Rock,
I met the chairman of the Arkansas
Highway Commission, who told me
that seventy-five percent of the
traffic deaths on the highway were
due to drunken driving. In Texas

the percentage is reported less than
that. But the hazard of life and
limb through drunken drivers grows
with appalling strides.

I noted that near Mayfield, Ky.,
recently a man who had imbibed
three bottles of beer killed three
young people aged fourteen, six-
teen and eighteen, and drove non-
chalantly on.

In my own town of Dallas re-
cently, an automobile driven by a
drunken driver wrapped itself
around a tree and killed all four
of the occupants. A member of our
Texas legislature received a sen-
tence of one year in prison for kill-
ing a man on the highway while
he was drunk and driving his car.

The terrible fact confronts us that
very few know the exact situation.
Officers don't know. With our news-
papers advertising beer and whisky
and with these infamous products
publicized blatantly over the radio,
the news sources find it to their
interest to soft pedal the ghastly
set-up.

In what we call polite society now,
there is liquor of all kinds in abun-
dant at all the social functions. I
had a letter recently from a single
Dallas man of twenty-three, who
stated that the youngsters drank
outrageously at all our social func-
tions here and that the women got
drunkier than the men.

III

This word is written in the hope
that it may cause our sleeping
Christendom to awaken. We are
walking day by day with blinded
eyes and our entire social, political
and civic life is headed for the
precipice. We bawl ourselves hoarse
about the European wars, but the
toll the liquor business is taking
far transcends any casualties of any
war. The drink curse is undermin-
ing the very structure of our
civilization, just like termites un-
dermine the foundation of a house.
We have built on the sand and the
storm is headed our way.

One of the saddest letters I have
ever had was from a woman whose
husband was formerly a doctor and
a preacher (God save the mark!)
and had given up his profession

and gone into the liquor business.
Recently a man who was a few
years ago a leading churchman of
Dallas died of delirium tremens. The
brewers are advertising for a mil-
lion more beer drinkers to take the
places of those who will soon die
and be in hell. The thinking ranks
in drinkdom will have to be filled
by younger men and women of our
day. Will they be your children?
Is any reader willing to furnish the
liquor venders and barmaids to
serve the next generation of drunk-
ards?

I wish all America would come
awake. We should repeal and place
the Eighteenth Amendment or a
more stringent law on the statute
books and do it through Constitu-
tional amendment. Meanwhile, wher-
ever there is a local prohibition law,
campaigns should be inaugurated
and pushed to success, drying out
our territory from a foot square
to a state. God help us!

—Western Recorder.

—BR

MISSISSIPPI CLUB AT B. B. I.

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The Mississippi Club, composed of
students from this state attending
school at the Baptist Bible Insti-
tute, met during the early part of
the school session, and elected the
following officers:

W. L. Sewell, Meridian, president;
Chas. L. McKay, Leesburg, vice-
president; Miss Clara Mae Edwards,
Bogue Chitto, secretary and treas-
urer; Eugene Cross, Hickory, chor-
ister; Miss Lynn Fleming, Durant,
pianist; Mrs. H. P. Porter, Bude,
reporter; Dr. E. Carnett, faculty ad-
visor; Miss Anne Laurie McLel-
lan, Lexington, social chairman.

The club meets monthly with a
well-planned program which is in-
spirational and helpful in binding
the students closer together in mu-
tual fellowship and love.—Clara Mae
Edwards, secretary.

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SAFE ARRIVAL IN NAPLES

Richmond, Va.—The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival at Naples, Italy, of the party of Southern Baptist workers who sailed from New York on December 27. This group was composed of Dr. Bela Udvarnoki, president of Southern Baptists' Brown Memorial Seminary in Budapest, Hungary, his wife and two children; Miss Ruby Daniel, principal of the Woman's Training School of Budapest; and Miss Pauline Willingham who went out to become the bride of Rev. John Allen Moore, Southern Baptist missionary in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

Richmond, Va.—In planning Schools of Missions the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is eager to assist pastors and churches in every possible way. A week's study of the work of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards would be a good way to start the New Year. Booklets giving suggestions for planning a graded school of missions and listing mission study books may be secured by writing the Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga., or the Foreign Mission Board, Box 1595, Richmond, Va.—R. S. Jones, Home Secretary.

A BRIEF REVIEW OF 1939

Richmond, Va.—The continued increase in receipts for the cause of missions has brought new joy to the Foreign Mission Board, and to all who share in the responsibility for the carrying on of its work on the foreign fields. With the gratification over what has been done in the current year comes likewise a renewal of hope for what may be accomplished during the new year, and a distinct challenge to undertake ever greater things for God in the years ahead.

Budget receipts for 1939 show an increase of \$65,000.00 over those for 1938, a gain of more than ten per cent. In spite of some extraordinary items for which no provision had been made, the Board has been able to balance its budget and to end the year with something left over with which to begin the new year.

In addition to taking care of its own requirements the Board has experienced a very real joy in forwarding to China special gifts received during the year for the relief of suffering Chinese amounting to \$22,000.00. Every dollar of this has been sent over to China without any cost whatever for distribution where most needed, and there is no way of estimating what these dollars have meant in the way of affording relief to the hungry and destitute in that stricken land, and in the saving of life itself.

The debt of the Board is still being steadily reduced, and soon it will have been brought below a quarter of a million dollars, whereas just a few years ago it was more than a million. Payments amounting to \$33,500.00 were made on outstanding bank notes in 1939, reducing the total to \$258,000.00. The sooner this balance can be wiped out once for all the greater will be the saving in interest charges, which have been such a drain upon our resources during the last ten years, and have constituted a diversion of funds that were sorely needed for regular mission work on the fields.—E. P. Buxton, Treasurer.

DR. W. C. TAYLOR LANDS IN CHILE

Richmond, Va.—Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary for Latin America, and Mrs. Taylor, who sailed from New York on December 8, landed safely at Valparaiso, Chile, on December 26, 1939, and went on to Santiago. In the letter to the Foreign Mission Board telling of his safe arrival, Dr. Taylor told of another arrival—that of a new daughter to Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Southern Baptist missionaries stationed at Santiago, Chile. Best wishes for a long and useful life are extended to this newcomer of the Southern Baptist missionary family.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM STRESSED IN FEBRUARY COMMISSION

Richmond, Va.—The February issue of *The Commission*, Southern Baptist foreign mission journal, will have a double emphasis: the Co-operative Program and Mexico. The Co-operative Program will be set forth in articles by Dr. Austin Crouch and Missionary J. J. Cowser, in an editorial by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, a center spread of pictures, and a story for the children. A feature article by Rev. Alfredo C. Muller, professor in the Mexican Baptist Seminary at El Paso, Texas, tells of the work of the Mexican Baptist Convention, while further emphasis is given this country through an editorial by Dr. R. S. Jones and the beautiful cover picture of the Mexican Seminary.

Words of praise for *The Commission* are constantly received as Southern Baptists write in to renew their subscriptions. A subscriber from Mississippi writes: "I find *The Commission* a great help in my work with young people and in the W. M. U. It gives me information with inspiration and vision which I pray will be of long duration and deep devotion in service for my Heavenly Father."

If you have never subscribed to this splendid missionary magazine, or if in the rush of Christmas activities you failed to renew, send in fifty cents today with your name and address to *The Commission*, Box 1595, Richmond, Virginia.

ROUND-ROBIN LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONARIES

Nearing the Azores,
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1939.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry
Richmond, Va., U.S.A.
Dear Dr. Maddry:

You will be glad to hear that this has been one of the best voyages of all. The weather is fine and nobody is sick. For this and all your praying friends, we are truly grateful. The Italian Line is all right. The whole crew is doing their best to entertain us.—"Parson Carson."

Truly this is the most glorious voyage I've ever made: comfortable, steady boat; calm seas; warm, sunshiny days on deck; sweet fellowship with a fine group of missionaries—our own little group of ten having prayer meeting together each morning; good food which we all are able to enjoy; no seasickness; lovely concerts every afternoon at five; games and amusements each day—surely prayers are being answered. We are to stop at the Azores tomorrow for about five hours; where this mail will be picked up by the *Saturnia* on her return to New York arriving there Dec. 21, so you should receive this before Christmas.—Grace Carson.

Surely, God is good. I know you are all praying. The presence is with us and He has removed fear. I feel such peace and calm as I think I have

never felt before. We are all sleeping well. My love to all at the office.—Ruth Kersey.

We're having a grand voyage—fine weather and smooth sailing; even Hattie Gardner is a good sailor this time. We are most grateful. We feel that all this is an answer to prayer. We know that our friends and loved ones are praying for us and we feel the Lord's presence with us.—Lena V. Lair.

I can hardly realize we are sailing. Thus far it is the grandest voyage I've ever experienced, thanks to the praying folks and our Heavenly Father. We are constantly thinking of and remembering you folks.—Hattie Gardner.

At last, I am on my way to Africa! Surely, no missionary was ever more eager to go, or more grateful for the privilege of being His representative there. During these first days of our voyage, God has been very close to us, and, in answer to the prayers of our many friends throughout the South, has given us peace, quietness, and confidence. May you continue your prayers for us. Love to all in the office—Willie Kate Baldwin.

I want to join the others in saying all the things they have said. We are having a lovely voyage and we are happy to be on our way to our field again, knowing that all of you are praying for us as we go. May your Christmas be a real holiday and may we all follow more closely day by day Him whose birthday we celebrate soon. Sincerely, Christena B. Donath.

When Miss Baldwin had looked the ship over she said, "This ship is too pretty to be sunk"—and "I know that the Board will notify our people when they receive the cable telling of our arrival, but will they notify them if we don't arrive." These are samples of some of the fears as we started out, but all these fears have long since been forgotten. We have the assurance of our own prayers being answered, and are doubly assured by the knowledge that thousands are praying for the safe journey of this party.

These are seventeen missionaries of other faiths on board ship, most of them going to Nigeria. We are having a blessed fellowship and a good time.

Love and greetings to all.—A. C. Donath.

As all the news has been told, I can only say that I'm thrilled to be on the way at last. Our stay in Richmond was delightful, and we are grateful for our new friends there.—R. U. Northrip.

This has indeed been a delightful voyage, but I felt it would be, because God is leading us now as He had in the past. As He led Moses through the wilderness so will He lead us through the dangers that might be ahead.

It is such a joy to me to be a part of this missionary family, and to know that God has chosen me to help carry His love to others.—Irene Northrip.

SEND US MEN

Fukuoka, Japan—Plans are afoot for Baptists of Japan to come together as one convention after fifty years of working separately. It is hoped that in a united work there will be greater enthusiasm and strength. Details have not been completed to submit to the government in accordance with the new Religious Bill that has recognized Christianity officially as one of the three religions in Japan. Other changes that were unforeseen in some other directions will have to be made, but we cannot tell how they will work out. We need men, men, men. Come or send some to help us.—Mary Ellen Wiley Dozier (Mrs. Edwin B.)

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY
JOHN A. FARMER, ASSOCIATE
MISS RUBY TAYLOR, ELEMENTARY SEC.

Associational Organization

A number of our associations have completed the associational organization for Sunday school work for 1940. This means that in addition to the superintendent, secretary, and group captains, there is a worker to plan definitely to promote the work of each department—from Cradle Roll through Extension—and also for Vacation Bible school, teacher training, and evangelism.

This thorough organization means effective work in every association having it complete, because each phase of the work gets definite attention and planning from one individual who has that special task as his own.

If you have not yet finished your organization, Brother superintendent, do this at once so that the largest returns may be had during the year we are now beginning. To wait and delay only means loss, since the associational work will suffer from the lack of a sufficient organization to carry on properly. Send us the list of your associational officers, if you have not already done so.

Meetings

The church or association that has meetings is the one that gets the most done. Check it and see. People are going somewhere; why not to our church meetings? Plan for monthly meetings and at these plan for some very definite things for the year's program. Here are the main items for us to do: A Sunday school in every church; a Cradle Roll in every school; an Extension department in every school; a training course in every school; a Vacation Bible school in every church; reach the standard of excellence for your school.

Meetings will help do these things. In an associational meeting last Sunday afternoon in Pearl River County there were nine pastors present. What cooperation and backing in that group!

Does Enlargement Pay?

The Monticello Baptist Sunday school had an enlargement campaign last November. Before the campaign there were ten classes. At the close there were 23. At its beginning there were 14 officers and teachers in the school. At the end of it there were 35. More classes were put in; regular department organization set up and manned; visitation was planned definitely; workers' meetings arranged for.

What came of it? One of the teachers in the school told us yesterday that the average attendance since had been practically doubled. Twice as many people getting the teaching of the Bible as before.

If we ever reach more people, we must do it through more classes, and visitation. Organize more classes; arrange groups in the Young People's and Adult classes with a captain over each (having about 6 or 7 in a group); organize the classes in these two departments so that more people may be

reached and more people helped because they are doing something. Activity brings development in any realm.

Free literature on all phases of organization can be had from the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Write us a card for it.

Begin Right

As we start this year, let's do so with the one desire that it may be our greatest yet in reaching, teaching, winning, and developing our people. Good schools, good departments, good classes, good groups do not come by accident, but by careful, prayerful, intelligent preparation and planning on the part of the leaders.

These things put into our work will give us dividends for God. Let's begin right for the year, and then we shall certainly end it worthily.

WEST SIDE, NATCHEZ

A revival that will prove doubtless, the most spiritual and far-reaching held in Natchez for many years, ending on Friday night before Christmas, saw a total of eleven additions by letter and profession of faith in West Side Baptist Church.

Our pastor, brother Jim Smith, had associated with him brothers E. Wayne Todd, Elmer Bearden, Sedgie Pigott, Young Girrod and Newton Jones. These young men, all students in Mississippi College conducted a study course each evening from Monday through Friday, which was followed by preaching. Brother E. Wayne Todd delivered each message in sermon, and he really brought the fire down from heaven. His wonderful personality and power of speech was deeply augmented in his knowledge of God's word. The little building in which West Side worships was filled almost to capacity at each service, despite the fact it was Christmas week.

Other members of the group manifestly portrayed their deep convictions and wonderful training they are receiving at Clinton, and were each not only ready and willing, but entirely capable of fulfilling his task at every opportunity.

The young men were heartily received by our church family, and never for once did they go begging for lack of a place in which to eat. On Friday night, Dec. 22, following close of the last services, the visiting workers, together with a large delegation from the church, sallied forth and delivered well filled baskets of Christmas cheer to families of twelve needy homes, singing carols in front of each house before the baskets were given.

It is hoped these young men will come back again when we get in our new church house, which we hope will be soon.

In keeping with the Southwide spirit, following church services on the night of December 31st, a large number of members remained for a watch service. Hymns were sung, prayers made, testimonials given, hot chocolate and cakes served, and everybody had a glorious time, until the last moment, as 1939 was about to fade into the tomb of the past, never to be seen again, the

pastor with a bevy of young ladies closed the old year and ushered in the new with a candle lighting service.

West Side is a new church, but our membership now exceeds 200 and every indication points to a working organization that will indeed be a lighthouse from which God's Word will be carried to the thousands of lost and hungering souls, who surround us on all sides.

The church will act this week, and take the first step towards prayerfully selecting, electing and ordaining a Board of Deacons.

With a great quantity of building material promised, and skilled labor offered, indications point to the erection of a church house that will be entirely adequate. The lot has been purchased, and probably one thousand dollars will be needed for completion. Anybody in reach, feeling disposed or moved by the Spirit to send us in a dollar, will help a good cause, and receive a blessing from On High.

Our church has also adopted and remitted first installment on ministerial retirement plan.—C. S. Lumbley.

APPRECIATION

Brother B. E. Jacobs, Retiring
Chairman, Board of Deacons
Calvary Baptist Church
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Brother and Friend:

Since you have seen fit to ask this Board that your name be not considered when selecting a chairman for the ensuing year, we, the Board of Deacons, wish to take this means of expressing to you our love and never ending appreciation for all the many services and much time spent serving our Lord and Master in guiding and directing the actions of this body.

Therefore, be it resolved that we go on record as expressing our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the guiding hand that has directed us through the many problems that have faced Calvary Baptist Church, through a great building program and trials following same, through a period of unusual and unforeseen National hardships and reverses, a hand directed by the Holy Spirit that others might be guided and directed in the upbuilding and on-going of the Church of God.

Also be it resolved that we mail a copy of this resolution to brother Jacobs, file a copy with the minutes of the Board and publish a copy in our Denomination paper.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. Lowe
Henry Riser
J. P. Williams, Jr., Ch.

DREW

The Drew Baptist W.M.U. met and elected officers for the year 1940 as follows:

President, Mrs. R. K. Smith; 1st vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Kembriel; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Bob Crothwait; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Yeager; secretary, Mrs. J. W. Parks; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. Starnes; treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Black; stewardship chairman, Mrs. J. O. Gambriel; Bible study chairman, Mrs. Frank Crothwaite, Mission study chairman, Mrs. H. C.

Black; personal service chairman, Mrs. O. S. Crothwait; literature chairman, Mrs. E. E. Walker; Y. W. A. leader, Mrs. Claud Lamastus, Jr.; Intermediate G.A. leader, Mrs. Robert Wiltshire; Junior G.A. leader, Mrs. Dee Horton; R.A. leader, Mrs. M. S. Perkins; Sunbeam leader, Mrs. Martha Ballard Rushing; pianist, Mrs. James Stigler.

Circle Leaders: Mrs. J. A. Maxwell, Mrs. F. C. Wiltshire, Mrs. F. C. Couch, Mrs. H. E. Spell, Mrs. Tom Cheairs, Mrs. J. A. Riddell.

COPIAH - LINCOLN PRESENTS B.S.U. PROGRAM AT RUTH

A group of students and the student secretary from Copiah-Lincoln Junior College presented another of their programs last Sunday evening at the Ruth Baptist Church.

The program was three-fold in purpose; it was a means of informing the people as to what the Baptist Student Union is, it afforded an opportunity of training and service to the students, and it presented a highly inspirational challenge to all hearers to Put Christ First In Their Lives.

The program was as follows:

What Is the B.S.U.?—James Fairchild, Jr., Student Secretary; Trombone Solo—James Fairchild; Scripture reading—Mildred Price—twelfth chapter of Romans; Prayer—Gene Greer; Putting Christ First—Give Me Thine Heart, Marie Gunnell; Give Me Thy Talents, Frances Neal; Give Me Thy Life, David Gunnell; Vocal Duet, Marie Gunnell, Frances Neal; Pianist, Steve Renfrow.

"In your opinion, who are the three greatest sailors in British history?" an admiral who was conducting an examination for the Navy asked one of the candidates.

The reply came pat. "I'm sorry, sir, I didn't catch your name when I entered the room, but the other two are Nelson and Drake."

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear Children:

In Preacher's Grove, Itasca Park, among the towering pines, there is a sign which reads, "It took two hundred years to grow this timber. Fire can destroy it in two days." A reminder that it is much easier to tear down, to destroy than it is to build up. How it should cause us to weigh our words, and consider our actions! Before we speak, how wise it would be to ask "Will what I am about to say tear down or build up?" and before we act, face the question, "Will what I am about to do help or harm, build or break?" We might destroy something that we can't replace, something of even more value than the mighty pines.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

Paul Before Felix (Read Acts 24)

Five days after Paul was taken to Caesarea and placed in prison there, his accusers from Jerusalem, headed by Ananias, the high priest, came. They brought with them a lawyer, named Tertullus that he might speak against Paul before the governor. When Paul was brought out of the prison for trial, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying "We have found this fellow to be a wicked man, stirring up trouble and disorder among the Jews all over the world. He is a ring leader among those who believe in Jesus of Nazareth. He also brought Gentiles into the temple. We would have tried him according to our law to see what his punishment should be, but the chief captain came with soldiers and took him away from us by force, and commanded us to come before you and accuse him." When Tertullus had finished speaking, the Jews with him said that all the things he had spoken were true.

Then Paul, after the governor had given him permission, answered saying, "It is just twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship and they found me in the temple; yet I was not disputing with any man nor trying to stir up the people, neither can they prove the things of which they accuse me. This I confess to you, that I worship God in a way different from them, though I believe everything written in the Scriptures. And I expect the dead, both the good and the bad, to rise up at the last day, as the Jews also believe. Now, after being away from Jerusalem for many years, I came back to bring alms to the poor Jews there, and an offering to God. Some Jews from Asia found me in the temple, yet not with a multitude nor causing any disturbance. They are the ones who should have been here to tell if they have anything against me. Let these Jews who are here now say whether they found any evil in me when I was taken before the council in Jerusalem, unless they say it was wrong for me to preach about the dead rising from their graves at the Judgment Day."

After Paul had spoken, Felix would hear no more, but he sent the Jews away, saying, "When the chief captain shall come down, I will ask him about these matters." He commanded the centurion to keep Paul in prison but to let him walk out, and to allow him to see any of his friends who should come to visit him.

Now Drusilla, the wife of Felix, was a Jewess. After some days, Felix sent for Paul to come and speak to him and Drusilla and explain the gospel to them. As Paul spoke to them, persuading them to

obey God, and telling them how they must be judged at the last day, Felix thought of his sins and was afraid until he trembled. Yet he did not repent but sent Paul back to prison, saying, "At some other time, when it shall be more convenient, I will send for you again, to tell me about these things." Felix hoped that Paul would offer him money to let him go free, and for that reason he sent for him the oftener to talk with him. After two years, when another governor named Festus came to take Felix's place, instead of letting Paul go, Felix left him in prison.

Magee, Miss.
January 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

You'll please find enclosed check for one dollar. Use where needed most.

Your friend,

Mrs. E. B. Traylor.

Mrs. Traylor, these words are few, but to the point and hard to beat. Thank you.—F. L. S.

Collins, Miss.

January 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eight years old. My birthday is October the twenty-third. I am in the second grade. This is my first time to write to you, but I like to read the letters in the Baptist Record. I am sending a nickel to the Baptist Orphanage.

Your little friend,
Laverne Speed.

Laverne, we are glad you enjoy the children's letters, and we are glad too that you send a letter for the page. Thank you for your gift.—F. L. S.

Magee, Miss.

January 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

As my sister was writing to you, I will write too. I am not old enough to go to school this year but will be next time. I think I will like to go very much. I go sometimes with my sister. I am sending a nickel to the Orphanage.

Your friend,

Louise Speed.

Louise, do you always follow the good example of your sister, as you did this time? I hope so. Your offering is appreciated too.—F. L. S.

Slate Springs, Miss.
January 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle but nevertheless I want to be one of the members. I am a little girl 10 years old and in the fifth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Jimmie Phillips. I like her for a teacher.

I go to Sunday school every Sunday if I can. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Nora Burns. I like her, too.

I am sending 10c for the orphans.

Your new friend,

Mary Sue Doler.

We are happy that you want to be a members of the Children's Circle, Mary Sue, and a contributing member too. Your gift will help.—F. L. S.

Tutwiler, Miss.
January 6, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here comes brother Ousley's little boy. Although I am only eight years old, I read the Children's page every week. I enjoy reading it too. I am in the third grade. This is my first time to write to you. We have 8 members in our

R.A. class. We got up \$23.18 for the orphanage in October.

Your friend,

Ira Ousley.

We are so pleased, Ira, to have a letter from brother Ousley's little boy. I'm about to believe that he must be a pretty smart little boy to be writing his letters on the typewriter. You must write often.—F. L. S.

Gloster, Miss.
January 8, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find another dollar from our Junior Department. Please send half to the Orphanage and half to our B.B.I. student. We hope to be of even more service to those two institutions this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. R. R. Tabor,
Teacher and pupils, Jr.
Dept. S. S.

Mrs. Tabor, this sounds like an excellent New Year resolution. I hope many will make a similar one. Thank every boy and girl, and officer and teacher who contributed.—F. L. S.

Georgetown, Miss.
January 8, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, which I enjoy reading very much. I will be 11 years old Jan. 26, 1940. I am in the 6th grade. My school teacher is Mrs. R. M. Speed. I like her very much. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. L. D. Spell, also my music teacher is Mrs. W. S. Allen, Sr. I go to Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. every Sunday that I can.

The pastor of our Baptist church is Rev. O. O. Halev. I am sending 10c for the orphans.

With love,

Norma Jean Beasley.

Thank you for all this Georgetown news, also for your donation for the Orphanage too. We appreciate your support and interest.—F. L. S.

PONTOTOC

During the Christmas season our church put on a Dramatic Cantata, "A King Is Given," in which was one of the most reverent, worshipful and spiritual of its kind that it has been my privilege to see. Miss Ernestine Ferrell directed the pageant; Mrs. W. E. Harris presided at the organ; and Mrs. R. H. Furr made valuable contributions in the matter of properties and decorations. The house was filled. Balcony and Sunday school rooms had to be used to seat the people.

On another Sunday night during the holiday season the college students at home for the Christmas holidays had charge of the worship service. Music was furnished by them which included a solo, duet, quartet, choir number, and Christmas carol music by members of the high school band. Our people marveled at the messages and the spirit of these young people in this service. We found that Pontotoc Baptist Church had twenty-five young people attending college this season. This pastor wishes that more of these fine young folk were in attendance at our denominational schools.

We are now completing the work of redecorating our church throughout its interior. The outside was painted a year ago. Its beauty is greatly enhanced for which we are glad. A fund has been started for carpets and curtains.

The church very graciously voted to enter into cooperation with the

pastor in the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

Brother Willis A. Brown who has been assistant to Dr. H. M. King at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, having given up that work, is in Pontotoc temporarily. Some good church should keep him busy.

—B. B. Hilbun.

STORK STOPS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

The stork has been busy among the families of the faculty and the college pastor of Blue Mountain College during 1939. On May 15 he called on Dr. and Mrs. Richard Trott and immediately little Judith Trott began to make her wants known. Dr. Trott is professor of mathematics and athletic director.

Dr. J. S. (Sunshine) Riser, Jr., heard a fluttering of wings August 29 and soon learned that he was not the only sunshine in the family when Mrs. Riser presented him with a ray that was later named William Hall Riser. Dr. Riser is pastor of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church of Blue Mountain.

In the family of Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler the stork beat Santa Claus by only three days, Mrs. Tyler on December 22 presenting Dr. Tyler with a man child, whose name is Luther Landrum Tyler. Dr. Tyler is head of the Bible department of the college, and Mrs. Tyler is recording secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.—Frank E. Skilton.

Anything new in the paper today, George?"

"No, my dear—just the same old things, only happening to different people."

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We Want You To Report Your Attendance

You have no doubt noticed that each week the Record carries a list of Training Union attendance. This list is not as large as we would like, so we are making the request here that you mail a card EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT giving the number attending your Training Union that day. Address it to The Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Be sure to give the name of the church. Thank you.

As announced in last week's Record we are herewith giving the book report for 1939. We give space for this that you may see just how the books come in order for popularity. This may be something of a guide to you in selecting the books for your study course in March, or earlier. The figure opposite the book represents the number of awards in 1939 for that book. The grand total of awards issued for the year was 265,776 as compared with 243,808 for 1938, a gain of 21,968.

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| The Junior Manual | 25,364 |
| Studying for Service | 4,909 |
| Living for Jesus | 6,375 |
| Bible Heroes | 7,394 |
| The Jr. and His Church | 10,989 |
| Trail Makers in Other Lands | 3,603 |
| Whirligigs in China | 99 |
| The Intermediate Manual | 27,117 |
| The Meaning of Church Membership | 7,665 |
| Training in Christian Service | 3,718 |
| Training in Bible Study | 3,110 |
| Training in Stewardship | 681 |
| Not Your Own | 4,734 |
| Messengers of Light | 3,114 |
| Witnessing for Christ | 12,756 |
| Daring in the Dawn | 37 |

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| The Senior Manual | 17,931 |
| Senior Administration | 9,635 |
| Pilgrim's Progress | 2,777 |
| Planning A Life | 3,880 |
| Deepening the Spiritual Life | 4,118 |
| Training in Church Membership | 1,775 |
| Church Music | 669 |
| Fields of Service in the Church | 1,908 |
| The Plan of Salvation | 4,485 |
| Winning Others to Christ | 11,001 |
| A Winning Witness | 1,454 |
| How to Win to Christ | 36 |
| Helping Others to Become Christians | 273 |
| The Books of the Bible | 1,973 |
| Our Bible | 1,413 |
| Training in the Baptist Spirit | 557 |
| What We Believe | 3,791 |
| Investments in Christian Living | 3,461 |
| More Than Money | 1,378 |
| Christ's Gift to the Churches | 121 |
| The People Called Baptists | 1,981 |
| Southern Baptists in World Service | 256 |
| Witnessing at Home and Around the World | 636 |
| Taking Christ Seriously | 159 |
| | 75,738 |

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| The B.A.U. Manual | 18,535 |
| The Growing Christian | 3,515 |
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| Growing a Church | 2,191 |
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| Christ's Gift to the Churches | 292 |
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| Southern Baptists in World Service | 440 |
| Our Doctrines | 3,301 |
| The Fine Art of Soul Winning | 7,286 |
| A Winning Witness | 10,290 |
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| How to Win to Christ | 246 |
| Helping Others to Become Christians | 283 |
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| Our Church and Ours | 462 |
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| The Baptist Training Union Manual | 5,366 |
| The Junior and Intermediate Manual | 3,173 |
| Christian Leadership | 1,920 |
| Associational Training Union Manual | 315 |
| A Hand Book for Church Recreational Leaders | 292 |
| Proficiency in Senior Methods | 84 |
| Proficiency in Adult Methods | 49 |
| | 11,199 |

The Baptist Training Union 1940 Calendar

Each year for several years we have had a Calendar of Activities for our Training Union work. Each year it becomes a little more acceptable and the Training Unions find it a most helpful guide for activities. The theme for 1940 is the New Testament Pattern of Church Membership. Each month during the year a theme related to the general theme is given. For instance the theme for January is, Alive together with Christ, Scripture, Romans 6:11. For February the theme is Filled with the Holy Spirit, Scripture, Acts 4. The theme for March is Growing in Grace and Knowledge, Scripture, 2 Peter 3:18. And so on through the year. Along with the theme and scripture suggestive activities for the month are given. These calendars were mailed to all directors we have the name of. If you did not get one, please drop us a card. In writing we will appreciate it if you will give us the name of your director as well as the name and address of leaders of individual unions.

"Get my kit ready quick," shouted the doctor. "Some fellow has phoned that he can't live without me."

"Oh, that call is for me," said his daughter, as she seized the phone and glued her ear to it.

LEXINGTON BAPTISTS DEDICATE CHURCH

A large congregation was present Sunday morning, January 7, at the eleven o'clock service, when the First Baptist Church was dedicated in an impressive ceremony as the last bonds were burned and Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia, preached the Dedication sermon. Rev. Judson Chastain read a telegram from a former pastor, Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Laurens, S. C., who wired his regrets at inability to attend but that he was with the congregation in spirit of the joyous occasion.

Dr. Martin, under whose pastorate the handsome building was built together with the large and commodious annex that houses the various Sunday school rooms and departments, preached the dedicatory sermon and fittingly chose as his text: 2 Chronicles 7:1—"Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering; and the glory of the Lord filled the house."

Prior to the sermon H. L. Nichols, chairman of the Finance Committee, burned the last bond. He substituted for George W. Stigler, oldest living member of the church, who was unable to attend on account of the extreme cold weather and a slight indisposition.

Special thanks were given by Chairman Nichols to the bond holders in surrendering the securities ahead of maturity dates when the congregation accumulated the necessary funds to liquidate the debt. The church was rebuilt and remodeled at a cost approximating \$30,000 and had been reduced recently to \$8,500. The last bonds were surrendered and burned after all payments had been met by the church.

Special music included a solo, "My Prayer," by N. L. Walker, accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Carr, and also another solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," by Tom Kizer

accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Martin. All denominations of Lexington paid special tribute to the local Baptists in their dedication service by attending the gathering.—Lexington Advertiser.

ELLISVILLE B. S. U. AT COUNTY LINE

A group of Baptist students from Jones Junior College had charge of the evening service at County Line Baptist Church Sunday, January 7.

Elton Thomas, Extension Director of the B.S.U. Council, presided and introduced each of the ones who took part on the program. Short talks were made by Jimmie Todd, Sunday school representative of the B.S.U. Council; Joe Duckworth, devotional chairman; and Billy Watson, president of the B.S.U. of Jones Junior College. Dallas Rayborn contributed to the program with a very effective vocal solo. Jimmie Reese, Student Secretary, explained to the congregation the plan and purpose of the Baptist Student Union, ending her talk with this thought:

"Christ has said, 'The harvest is white, and the laborers are few.' The Baptist Student Union serves as an enlistment agency for these laborers."

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Laundryman (hesitatingly): "N-No."

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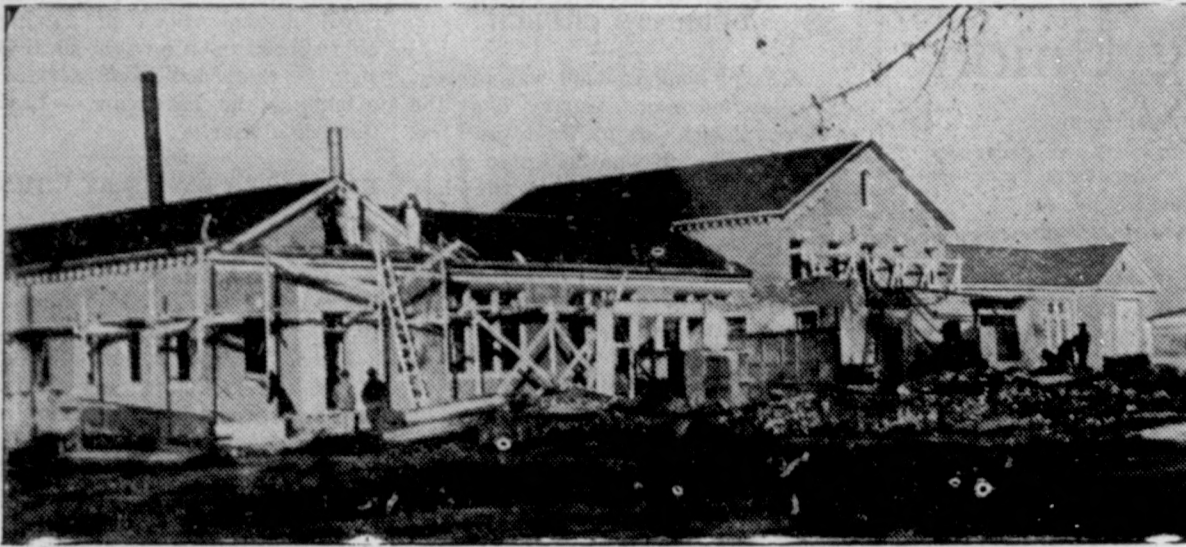
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The left wing of the building shown above is the J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel as it now stands. This is just the hull of what it is to be. It has only the basis of a roof over it, very little work has been done on the inside.

This part has been built with funds sent in by Sunday schools for that purpose supplemented by money from other sources. Now funds are about exhausted and the work must stop soon unless more money comes in. We pay as we build and must not go in debt.

The building left as it will be damaged by the weather. Already the plastering on the west wall of our dining room has been damaged by the rains.

Because the State Sunday School Convention voted to foster the raising of funds for the Chapel on condition that it be made a memorial to Brother Byrd we are making a special appeal to the Sunday schools to rally to the cause in this emergency.

Because it means much for the welfare of the whole building and for the Rebuilding Program we also are appealing to all who can and will to send in help immediately. Reader, please help us by calling the attention of others to our plight. Join with us in our effort to get this matter before our Sunday schools. Help us any way you can as readily as you can.

One Other Request

In one way or another, every dormitory has been provided with a piano except the dormitory for the little boys. They like to try to sing and this is the time for them to be taught and trained.

Possibly some reader has a piano for disposal either as a gift or at a reasonable price. If not, you may know of someone who has. In either case the Field Representative would be glad to hear from you. The Living Room is comparatively small and a small piano is preferred; but 'beggars must not be choosers.' Thank you!

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Ordained Prof. E. N. Ivy, Prof. M. M. Flowers, John Butcher. Rev. Madison Flowers of Goodman, father of Prof. M. M. Flowers, preached ordination sermon.

COPIAH COUNTY B. T. U.

Copiah County B. T. U. held its regular quarterly meeting at the Wesson Baptist Church. About 300 enthusiastic workers were present to enjoy a program highly instructive, and inspirational from beginning to end. Those leading the conference groups were: Juniors and Intermediates, Mrs. Fred Graeser; Senior, Miss Aubrey Kilcrease; Adults, James Fairchild, Jr.

Mr. Willie Smith, professor at Copiah-Lincoln, and Rev. James Middleton of Clinton both delivered very challenging addresses.

The Junior banner went to Wesson, Intermediate and Senior banners went to Crystal Springs, and the attendance banner to Pine Bluff.

Several students from Copiah-Lincoln contributed much to the meeting through vocal and instrumental specials.

Miss Margaret Miller, president of the Copiah B. T. U. announced that the next meeting would be held in April, at the Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown.

WEST SIDE, NATCHEZ

Until February, 1938 there was only one Baptist Church (white) in Adams county. West Side organized with 6 charter members and has grown in 21 months to around 200 members.

Since brother Jim Smith of Mississippi College became our under-shepherd in October, there has been growth in attendance, spirituality and offerings. Attendance at both Sunday morning and evening services for the past month has been such that the temporary quarters we occupy are being taxed to accommodate the congregations. Therefore, a lot has been secured on Oak Street, in a strictly white neighborhood, where no church has ministered in many years, and friends and citizens are being asked to contribute towards the erection of a church house.

So seldom does a Baptist church go to the public for assistance, in doing so at this time we are reminding them that a church preaching the gospel of Christ is not a temporary adventure, but radiates good of an enduring nature, that will outlast the pyramids and outshine the stars. That while man invests his money in earthly business, this inevitably fades out, and

often is unprofitable; while a church preaching Christ as the one means of redemption, and having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit lives on forever.

Many local citizens, even of other faiths are responding willingly, and God being willing, West Side soon hopes to become a veritable lighthouse in Natchez.

We crave prayers and encouragement from our brothers throughout the state.

We are glad to welcome our pastor brother Jim Smith back after having recovered from an operation for appendicitis.—C. S. Lumbley.

SOUTHWESTERN OBSERVES ANNIVERSARIES

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will observe one of the greatest celebrations in its history during the last week of January. The occasion is the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Schools of Religious Education and Sacred Music, and the twenty-fifth year of the presidency of Dr. L. R. Scarborough. During this week there will be combined with this program the annual lectureship of the Holland Foundation and the observance of Founder's Day. Southern Baptists and other friends of Southwestern Seminary will be greatly interested in the excellent program for the week which is being arranged by Dr. Scarborough and his co-workers. Dr. George Truett will deliver the Holland Lectures, speaking on four mornings of the week. Dr. A. J. Barton, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, will be the speaker for the Founder's Day services. Among the other speakers will be Dr. John R. Sampey, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Dr. W. W. Barnes, Dr. W. R. White, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Dr. Zeno Wall, Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. C. E. Maddry, Dr. T. C. Gardner, and Dr. E. D. Head. The Seminary is inviting friends from all over the South to be present for this great occasion. There will be a limited number of accommodations in the dormitories of the Seminary, which may be secured by making reservation with Mr. C. M. King, business manager. When these are taken there will be abundant accommodations in hotels and rooming houses of the city.

The genius of a certain Arkansas editor showed itself recently when he printed the following news item in the local columns of his paper:

"Miss Beulah Blank, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, age thirty-two."

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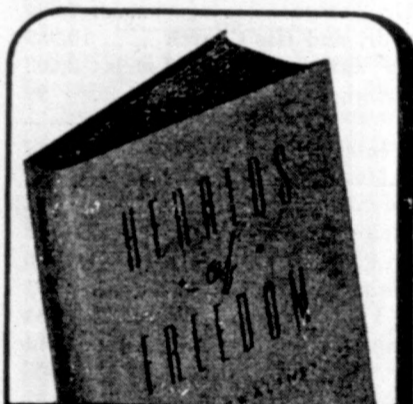
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned Committee on Revision of the Constitution, appointed at the November Convention, 1938, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the existing Constitution, Order of Procedure, Modifying Rules, Orders, and Resolutions adopted by the Convention from time to time, and after careful consideration we submit the following Constitution and By-Laws, and recommend that they be adopted by the Convention in lieu of the existing Constitution and By-Laws, and we further recommend that this report and the following Constitution and By-Laws be published in the Annual and that the committee and the consideration of this report be continued until the Annual Convention 1940, to-wit:

Will M. Whittington, Chm.
A. S. Bozeman
H. L. Martin
L. T. Lowrey
W. C. Stewart

Committee on Revision of Constitution.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION CONSTITUTION

Article I.

This body shall be known as the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Article II.

The objects of the Convention shall be to promote a system of operative measures for the advancement of the general interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, particularly within the bounds of the Convention; to promote Missions, Education, Social Service and other important interests connected with the Kingdom of Christ; to foster concert of action and harmonious combination of efforts of the Baptist churches of Mississippi; to afford Baptists a means and an opportunity for expression on moral, religious, and denominational matters, and to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in its work.

Article III.

The equal rights and independence of the churches are fully recognized and shall be scrupulously observed. The Convention shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association, and is irrevocably committed to the cardinal principle that every church is sovereign.

Article IV.

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from the regular white Baptist churches in Mississippi in harmony and cooperation with the purposes of the Convention.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first one hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers.

Article V.

The officers of the Convention shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom, except the Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot at the annual meetings; provided, that if there is only one nomination for an office, the Secretary or any member of the Convention designated,

if there be no objection, may be instructed to cast the ballot of the messengers for the person nominated.

All officers of the Convention shall continue in office until their successors have been regularly elected. In case of the death, or inability of the President, the vice-presidents, in the order named, shall automatically succeed to the office of President. The Treasurer of the Convention Board shall be the Treasurer of the Convention. The President shall be an ex-officio member of the Convention Board.

Article VI.

The Convention shall meet annually at such time and place as the Convention may from time to time determine. The President may, with the advice and consent of the other officers, call a special meeting of the Convention or change the time and place of the annual meeting.

Article VII.

The general work of the Convention shall be committed to the Convention Board, which shall have charge and supervision, unless otherwise provided, of all the work of the Convention, including Missions, Education, Social Service, and Benevolences, in the interim between the annual sessions of the Convention. The Board shall be composed of one member from each Association, nominated by the Association and elected by the Convention.

The clerks of the Associations shall notify the Recording Secretary in writing before the annual meetings and immediately after the adjournment of the Association as to the nomination of members. If any Association fails to nominate or to notify the Recording Secretary, of its nomination, a member of the Board from such Association shall be nominated and elected by the Convention.

The Convention Board shall annually elect a Corresponding Secretary, who shall be the executive and administrative agent of the Convention and if the Convention Board, and such employees, assistants, and representatives as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Board, and shall fix their salaries.

The Board is authorized to receive gifts, accept donations, borrow money, execute notes, invest funds and make financial arrangements in behalf of the Convention, and is further authorized and empowered by resolution entered upon the minutes to authorize the Executive Committee, or the person designated by the Executive Committee, to represent the Board in all these matters.

The Board shall have such power and authority as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Convention in the interim between the annual sessions of the Convention.

The Board shall elect annually an Executive Committee of nine members, of which the Corresponding Secretary shall be an ex-officio member, and the Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to carry on the work of the Board, under the direction of the Board.

The Executive Committee shall be the trustees or members of the Baptist Education Commission.

The Executive Committee shall

be the trustees of the Convention for the property of the Convention, and are authorized and empowered to hold in trust and administer all trusts, property and invested funds of the Convention and of the Convention Board not otherwise provided for, and shall at all times be under the direction, supervision and control of the Convention Board and the Convention.

The Convention Board shall elect annually a Treasurer, who shall be in charge of all money, and of all property of the Convention, under the supervision of the Convention Board and Executive Committee of the Convention Board. He shall keep an authentic record of all receipts and disbursements of Convention funds and shall make full written report annually to the Board and to the Convention. He shall be required to give such adequate bond as the Board or the Executive Committee thereof shall require.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Convention Board may be the Treasurer of the Convention Board, and, if such Treasurer, he shall be required to give an adequate bond to be approved by the Convention Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, and as required by the said Board or Committee.

The Convention Board, and all other boards, commissions, standing committees and agencies of the Convention shall make annual reports to the Convention through the Convention Board, which reports shall be published, and shall be made available to the members of the Convention, and for distribution on the first day of the annual meeting of the Convention.

The Convention Board and the Boards of Trustees of the colleges and the trustees of other institutions and commissions handling the funds of the Convention shall have all accounts audited annually, and the audits thereof, or accurate summaries of such audits, shall be made a part of the annual reports and published for distribution as aforesaid.

Article VIII.

The Convention shall have the power and authority to own, aid, support and control schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, societies and other agencies and institutions; to provide for their operation by trustees or other agents, to appoint the trustees thereof and to establish and appoint such other boards, commissions, societies, or agencies as it may deem necessary to carry on the work and objects of the Convention.

Article IX.

All officers of the Convention, all members of Boards, Commissions, Committees, or Agencies of the Convention shall be members of regular Baptist churches cooperating with the Convention.

Article X.

No new object or enterprise involving the expenditure of money shall be authorized by the Convention until an application for such enterprise shall be submitted to the Board or Agency of the Convention which shall have the responsibility of raising and disbursing the necessary funds, and until the recommendation of such Board or Agency shall have been submitted to the Convention. All applications for new

projects or enterprises shall also be submitted in writing to the Convention Board, and the Convention Board and the other boards or agencies to which such applications are submitted shall make report thereof to the Convention, in writing, with their recommendations. If such enterprise or project is not favorably reported by the Convention Board and the other boards, or agencies to which it was submitted, it may nevertheless be acted upon by the Convention provided the same action is taken at two successive annual meetings of the Convention.

No Board or other agency of the Convention shall have the power or authority to encumber or execute a lien on any real estate or property under the supervision and management of such Board or agency without the previous authority of the Convention.

Article XI.

All gifts and donations to the objects of the Convention shall be applied according to the expressed will and direction of those contributing, but if no designation is made, distribution shall be made as determined by the Convention.

Article XII.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present, provided notice of the proposed amendment shall be given at the Convention the preceding year, and provided further, that such amendment shall be adopted before the last day of the annual meeting, and provided further a quorum is present.

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A ROMANCE OF REGENERATION AND CHRISTIAN TRAINING

Although he had been sprinkled in the Catholic communion as an infant, Ervin Kaschel, an inquisitive little boy, the son of an Austrian-born German father in Brazil, went to a Baptist church which had been moved to a corner near his home. He invited his younger brother to go with him. Ervin was such a mischievous boy that his teacher wondered about letting him stay for Sunday school. He did stay, was converted, answered God's call to preach, and became pastor at Petropolis, the church which Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby attends. In the final meeting which he held before he was stricken with fever, his Catholic mother was converted.

In the Baptist Training Union Magazine for January, Frances Whitworth has given us one of the most thrilling stories we have ever read, concerning Walter Kaschel, the younger brother of Ervin. Under the ministry of Missionary Paul C. Porter, long-time pastor at Campinas, Brazil, the thirteen-and-a-half-year-old boy accepted Christ. Walter waited a year to be baptized because of his father's objection. During that year, the boy was an active worker in the church and was elected teacher of a class of Sunday school boys his own age. To quote further from Miss Whitworth's article:

"When barely fifteen, a baptized believer for only six months, Walter preached his first sermon at a church which was without a pastor. At sixteen he was president of his B.Y.P.U. At seventeen he held the office of Sunday school superintendent along with six other offices in the church. So devoted and active did he become in the work of his church that at intervals when Dr. Porter had to be away on missionary work, young Kaschel filled the pulpit. He did the work of assistant pastor without really bearing the title.

"In 1936 two important events took place in his life: he was ordained to the gospel ministry; he took unto himself a wife. The young couple took over pastoral duties at the Campinas church, succeeding Dr. Porter who at this time came to America. This alert, aggressive young pastor studied at the Presbyterian National Seminary while carrying on an effective church program. In 1936-37 his church at Campinas had the largest number of additions of any of the seventy churches in the state of Sao Paulo. Plans were under way for an educational building and other progressive improvements when the opportunity opened up for him to come to North America to study at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. L. R. Scarborough on his tour of South America offered scholarships to this couple to take care of their seminary training. The people of Sao Paulo paid their traveling expenses, enabling them to enter school in September, 1937. Their seminary president has only words of highest commendation to speak in their behalf: 'Both of them are good students, made good grades, and

won the affection of our people.'

"At a meeting in a Texas church last year where the visiting seminary student had related some of his boyhood experiences and pranks, an Intermediate lad queried his Sunday school teacher: 'Do you think I am mean enough to be a preacher?' Our Brazilian friend enjoys this joke on himself. His keen wit and sense of humor are contributing factors in his ability to win friends.

"An energetic worker, a man of consecration and devotion to the Lord, Brazil's Training Union secretary assumes his new responsibilities with the definite conviction that he is following God's leading. The Campinas church eagerly offered him his pastorate back after his sojourn at Southwestern Seminary, but he turned down that field of service at home amid familiar, pleasant surroundings. He turned it down in order to blaze a new trail at the call of the Master. When he came to America and saw our work here his heart yearned for such work in South America. The Sunday School Board of Brazil could not finance the work, but these friends had so won the hearts of Travis Avenue Church in Fort Worth that this church made plans to assist the native board in providing for this fine young couple to do Training Union work. Mrs. Kaschel worked in the publishing House at Rio before her marriage. Among other things she was editor of the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Quarterly, so truly she will be a helpmate in the new work. She will look after the office correspondence while her husband travels over the twenty-one states of Brazil, six of them larger than Texas. Together they will edit the literature.

"From the beginning of his Christian life Mr. Kaschel has been active in B.Y.P.U. In addition to heavy responsibilities so faithfully discharged in his church he served simultaneously in broader fields. At twenty years of age he was elected recording secretary of the State Baptist Board. He organized the Young People's Convention of the state, actually the B.Y.P.U. Convention. As promotional agent, this versatile young man started the state paper, to which he still contributes. In 1934 the National B.Y.P.U. Convention elected him corresponding secretary . . . and on and on his achievements stack up gloriously for the Lord!

"Training Union friends over the Southland are grateful for the privilege which has been theirs in being permitted to pay the traveling expenses of this pioneer Training Union secretary and his family from our homeland back to their homeland. The idea of doing so originated at Ridgecrest last summer during the Training Union Assembly where Mr. Kaschel was an appreciated speaker on the program. Many who heard him and knew him in assembly fellowship wanted to make a contribution toward his venture in Christ's name—promotion of Training Union work in Brazil.

"In Christ there is no East nor West, In him no South nor North; But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth."

—John Oxenham.

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PULPIT LANGUAGE

By Elton Barlow, McCall Creek

The pulpit of God's church is the most sacred place in the world. It is there that we who have been called to the most sacred task in the world have the privilege of proclaiming the most sacred truth in the world. Then, oh, how reverent we should be in the pulpit, preaching the gospel of the Son of God!

Jesus says, "And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36. Jesus himself did not utter one idle word. He is our example; therefore we ought to refrain from using them. I wonder if He would not have in this verse emphasized when they are used in the pulpit.

I have heard some mighty coarse language used in the pulpit. Preacher brethren, would it not please God more if our language was always pure and clear? Would all the people not respect and love us more if it were so?

A great old Bible teacher in whose class I sat said, "Brethren, don't say anything in the pulpit you would not say in the parlor of the most cultured home." That advice has grown upon me as the years have passed. The older I grow in the ministry, the more do I consider the sacredness of the pulpit.

There is no harm in using any word that appears in the Bible. But I have heard some of them used far out of place. I have had boys to say to me, "Couldn't that preacher 'cuss'?" Well, I have never heard a preacher curse in the pulpit, but I have heard them use such coarse language that minds of youths would consider it as such. Brethren, we must not do anything that will cause a little one to stumble. Paul says, "If meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh forevermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble." I Cor. 8:13. If it is doubtful, we should leave it off. To me coarse language in the pulpit is more than doubtful, it is wrong.

In conclusion, let us think of the words of God to Moses in Exodus 3:5: "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

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Pastor Elton Barlow reports a good B.T.U. study course at McCall's Creek in December under the direction of Mrs. Barlow. There were two senior courses, one junior and one intermediate. There was a fine interest. Beside Mrs. Barlow the teachers were Miss Clara Branch Herring, Miss Mazle Bryner and the pastor.

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"You have to be a contortionist to get along these days," said the young man sadly. "You have to keep a level head, both feet on the ground, your back to the wall, your shoulder to the wheel, and your nose to the grindstone."

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The Baptist Standard of Texas reports a circulation of nearly 50,000, and the hope that before the year closes, it will reach 75,000. Amen.

| S. S. ATTENDANCE JAN. 14, 1940 | |
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| Jackson Calvary Church | 966 |
| Jackson Davis Mem. Church | 209 |
| Jackson Northside Church | 134 |
| Crystal Springs Church | 273 |
| West Laurel Church | 437 |
| Jackson Southside Church | 69 |
| Immanuel Church | 160 |
| Springfield Church | 103 |
| Bethlehem Church (Jones) | 59 |

| B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JAN. 14 | |
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| Jackson Calvary Church | 162 |
| Jackson Davis Mem. Church | 136 |
| Jackson Northside Church | 53 |
| Jackson Southside Church | 61 |
| Crystal Springs Church | 99 |
| West Laurel Church | 222 |
| Hattiesburg Immanuel Church | 93 |
| Bethlehem Church | 30 |

HOME BOARD WORKER TO PROMOTE SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. Noble Y. Beall of the Home Mission Board will promote schools of missions in addition to his other work, beginning Jan. 1, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Board, announced.

"Although this is a new assignment, it will not interfere with the work Dr. Beall has been doing," Dr. Lawrence said. "It will be an extra job for him to do."

Through general meetings, personal contacts and the press Dr. Beall hopes to stimulate the study of Home Missions.

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In making his address before the Home Mission Board at its annual meeting, President Fuller said: "There has been nothing greater in the history of the Convention than the recovery of the Home Mission Board." He added: "No better comment on the Board's work could be made than the increase in support every year." He paid a proper tribute to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Secretary: "Much of this success we know, is due to the business-like, statesmanship and experience of the Executive Secretary in projecting the work."—Ex.

—BR—
Dr. Gordon Hurlbutt of Point Clear, Ala., has recently been seriously ill, but is now improving. Our interest in him goes back to his student days in Mississippi College. He later taught in the college.

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